

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RD PETITION

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Case No.

3-RD-317482

Date Filed

5/8/2023

INSTRUCTIONS: Unless e-Filed using the Agency's website, www.nlrb.gov/, submit an original of this Petition to an NLRB office in the Region in which the employer concerned is located. The petition must be accompanied by both a showing of interest (see 7 below) and a certificate of service showing service on the employer and all other parties named in the petition of: (1) the petition; (2) Statement of Position form (Form NLRB-505); and (3) Description of Representation Case Procedures (Form NLRB 4812). The showing of interest should only be filed with the NLRB and should not be served on the employer or any other party.

1. **PURPOSE OF THIS PETITION: RD- DECERTIFICATION (REMOVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE)** - A substantial number of employees assert that the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative is no longer their representative. The Petitioner alleges that the following circumstances exist and requests that the National Labor Relations Board proceed under its proper authority pursuant to Section 9 of the National Labor Relations Act.

2a. Name of Employer Starbucks Coffee		2b. Address(es) of Establishment(s) involved (Street and number, city, state, ZIP code) 1394 Mt hope ave, Rochester NY 14620	
3a. Employer Representative - Name and Title Mallori Coulombe		3b. Address (If same as 2b - state same) 2401 Utah Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134	
3c. Tel. No.	3d. Fax No.	3e. Cell No.	3f. E-Mail Address
		509-828-7117	m.coulomb @ Starbucks.Com
4a. Type of Establishment (Factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Coffee house		4b. Principal product or service Coffee	
5a. Description of Unit Involved Included: Barista, Shift Supervisor Excluded: Assistant store Manager, Store Manager			5b. City and State where unit is located: Rochester, NY
6. No. of Employees in Unit 24		7. Do a substantial number (30% or more) of the employees in the unit no longer wish to be represented by the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
8a. Name of Recognized or Certified Bargaining Agent Workers United		8b. Affiliation, if any	
8c. Address 750 East Ave, Rochester NY, 14607		8d. Tel. No. 585-473-3280	8e. Cell No.
		8f. Fax No. 585-473-209	8g. E-Mail Address gbonadonna jr @ rrjb.org
9. Date of Recognition or Certification April 27th, 2022		10. Expiration Date of Current or Most Recent Contract, if any (Month, Day, Year)	
11a. Is there now a strike or picketing at the Employer's establishment(s) involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		11b. If so, approximately how many employees are participating?	
11c. The Employer has been picketed by or on behalf of (Insert Name) (Insert Address)		a labor organization, of since (Month, Day, Year)	
12. Organizations or individuals other than those named in items 8 and 11c, which have claimed recognition as representatives and other organizations and individuals known to have a representative interest in any employees in the unit described in item 5 above. (If none, so state) None			
12a. Name	12b. Address	12c. Tel. No.	12d. Fax No.
		12e. Cell No.	12f. E-Mail Address
13. Election Details: If the NLRB conducts an election in this matter, state your position with respect to any such election.		13a. Election Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail	
13b. Election Date(s) June 3rd, 2023	13c. Election Time(s) After 2pm	13d. Election Location(s) 1394 Mt hope ave, Rochester NY, 14620	
14. Full Name of Petitioner (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
14a. Address (Street and number, city, state, ZIP code) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		14b. Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	14c. Fax No.
		14d. Cell No.	14e. E-Mail Address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
14f. Affiliation, if any None			
15. Representative of the Petitioner who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding.			
15a. Name		15b. Title	
15c. Address (Street and number, city, state, ZIP code)		15d. Tel. No.	15e. Fax No.
		15f. Cell No.	15g. E-Mail Address
I declare that I have read the above petition and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
Name (Print) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Signature (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Title (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date Filed 5/3/23

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May 8, 2023

URGENT

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Re: Starbucks Coffee
Case 03-RD-317482

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The enclosed petition that you filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has been assigned the above case number. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be handling this matter; explains your obligation to provide the originals of the showing of interest and the requirement that you complete and serve a Responsive Statement of Position form in response to each timely filed and served Statement(s) of Position; notifies you of a hearing; describes the employer's obligation to post and distribute a Notice of Petition for Election, complete a Statement of Position and provide a voter list; requests that you provide certain information; notifies you of your right to be represented; and discusses some of our procedures including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This petition will be investigated by Field Examiner THOMAS A. MILLER whose telephone number is (716)398-7004. The Board agent will contact you shortly to discuss processing the petition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Board agent. The Board agent may also contact you and the other party or parties to schedule a conference meeting or telephonic or video conference for some time before the close of business the day following receipt of the final Responsive Statement(s) of Position. This will give the parties sufficient time to determine if any issues can be resolved prior to hearing or if a hearing is necessary. If the agent is not available, you may contact Assistant to the Regional Director DAVID TURNER whose telephone number is (518)419-6669. If appropriate, the NLRB attempts to schedule an election either by agreement of the parties or by holding a hearing and then directing an election.

Showing of Interest: If the Showing of Interest you provided in support of your petition was submitted electronically or by fax, the original documents which constitute the Showing of Interest containing handwritten signatures must be delivered to the Regional office within **2 business days**. If the originals are not received within that time the Region will dismiss your petition.

Notice of Hearing: Enclosed is a Notice of Representation Hearing to be conducted at **10:00 AM on Friday, May 26, 2023, via videoconference**, if the parties do not voluntarily agree to an election. If a hearing is necessary, the hearing will run on consecutive days until concluded unless the regional director concludes that extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. Before the hearing begins, we will continue to explore potential areas of agreement with the parties in order to reach an election agreement and to eliminate or limit the costs associated with formal hearings.

Upon request of a party showing good cause, the regional director may postpone the hearing. A party desiring a postponement should make the request to the regional director in writing, set forth in detail the grounds for the request, and include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. E-Filing the request is required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Posting and Distribution of Notice: The Employer must post the enclosed Notice of Petition for Election by May 15, 2023 in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. If it customarily communicates electronically with its employees in the petitioned-for unit, it must also distribute the notice electronically to them. The Employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn or this notice is replaced by the Notice of Election. Failure to post or distribute the notice may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the Employer and the Union are required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form, have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition by **noon Eastern Time on May 18, 2023**. The Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the Employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, it must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The Employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.

Required Responsive Statement of Position (RSOP): In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position, the petitioner is required to complete the enclosed Responsive Statement of Position form addressing issues raised in any Statement(s) of Position. The petitioner must file a complete, signed RSOP in response to all other parties' timely filed and served Statement of Position, with all required attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on May 23, 2023**. This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon Eastern**

Time. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent named above.

Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by the RSOP form may preclude you from litigating issues under Section 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§ 102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Voter List: If an election is held in this matter, the Employer must transmit to this office and to the other parties to the election, an alphabetized list of the full names and addresses of all eligible voters, including their shifts, job classifications, work locations, and other contact information including available personal email addresses and available personal home and cellular telephone numbers. Usually, the list must be furnished within 2 business days of the issuance of the Decision and Direction of Election or approval of an election agreement. The list must be electronically filed with the Region and served electronically on the other parties. To guard against potential abuse, this list may not be used for purposes other than the representation proceeding, NLRB proceedings arising from it or other related matters.

Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 days after the date when the Employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, a petitioner and/or union entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483, which is available on the NLRB's website or from an NLRB office. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the voter list agree to waive the same number of days.

Information Needed Now: Please submit to this office, as soon as possible, the following information needed to handle this matter:

- (a) The correct name of the Union as stated in its constitution or bylaws.
- (b) A copy of any existing or recently expired collective-bargaining agreements, and any amendments or extensions, or any recognition agreements covering any employees in the petitioned-for unit.
- (c) If potential voters will need notices or ballots translated into a language other than English, the names of those languages and dialects, if any.
- (d) The name and contact information for any other labor organization (union) claiming to represent or have an interest in any of the employees in the petitioned-for unit and for any employer who may be a joint employer of the employees in the proposed unit. Failure to disclose the existence of an interested party may delay the processing of the petition.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. In view of our policy of processing these cases expeditiously, if you wish to be represented, you should obtain representation promptly. Your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If someone contacts you about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any “inside knowledge” or favored relationship with the NLRB. Their knowledge regarding this matter was obtained only through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency’s web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determinations solely based on the documents and evidence properly submitted. All evidence submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI): This National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) proceeding may contain Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). Subsequent information in this proceeding may also constitute CUI. National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA) regulations at 32 CFR Part 2002 apply to all executive branch agencies that designate or handle information that meets the standards for CUI.

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Information about the NLRB and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request. We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Linda M. Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LINDA M. LESLIE
Regional Director

Enclosures

1. Petition
2. Notice of Petition for Election (Form 5492)
3. Notice of Representation Hearing
4. Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 4812)
5. Statement of Position form and Commerce Questionnaire (Form 505)
6. Responsive Statement of Position (Form 506)
7. Description of Voter List Requirement after Hearing in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 5580)



National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ELECTION

This notice is to inform employees that **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a Federal agency, in Case 03-RD-317482 seeking an election to determine if the employees of Starbucks Coffee in the unit set forth below wish to be represented by Workers United for the purposes of collective bargaining:

Included: Barista, shift supervisor Excluded: assistant store manager, store manager

This notice also provides you with information about your basic rights under the National Labor Relations Act, the processing of the petition, and rules to keep NLRB elections fair and honest.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT under Federal Law

- To self-organization
- To form, join, or assist labor organizations
- To bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing
- To act together for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a state where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments).

PROCESSING THIS PETITION

Elections do not necessarily occur in all cases after a petition is filed. **NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET** regarding the appropriateness of the proposed unit or whether an election will be held in this matter. If appropriate, the NLRB will first see if the parties will enter into an election agreement that specifies the method, date, time, and location of an election and the unit of employees eligible to vote. If the parties do not enter into an election agreement, usually a hearing is held to receive evidence on the appropriateness of the unit and other issues in dispute. After a hearing, an election may be directed by the NLRB, if appropriate.

IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, it will be conducted by the NLRB by secret ballot and Notices of Election will be posted before the election giving complete details for voting.

ELECTION RULES

The NLRB applies rules that are intended to keep its elections fair and honest and that result in a free choice. If agents of any party act in such a way as to interfere with your right to a free election, the election can be set aside by the NLRB. Where appropriate the NLRB provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with employees' rights and may result in setting aside the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an employer or a union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or, if the election is conducted by mail, from the time and date the ballots are scheduled to be sent out by the Region until the time and date set for their return
- Incitement by either an employer or a union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a union or an employer to influence their votes

Please be assured that IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, every effort will be made to protect your right to a free choice under the law. Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with the NLRB in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law. The NLRB as an agency of the United States Government does not endorse any choice in the election.

For additional information about the processing of petitions, go to www.nlr.gov or contact the NLRB at (716)551-4931.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE. IT MUST REMAIN POSTED WITH ALL PAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY VISIBLE UNTIL REPLACED BY THE NOTICE OF ELECTION OR THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN.



National Labor Relations Board





**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
REGION 03**



Starbucks Coffee Employer and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Petitioner and Workers United Union	Case 03-RD-317482
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NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION HEARING

The Petitioner filed the attached petition pursuant to Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act. It appears that a question affecting commerce exists as to whether the employees in the unit described in the petition wish to be represented by a collective-bargaining representative as defined in Section 9(a) of the Act.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Sections 3(b) and 9(c) of the Act, at 10:00 AM on **Friday, May 26, 2023** and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, at the National Labor Relations Board offices located, via videoconference, a hearing will be conducted before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board. At the hearing, the parties will have the right to appear in person or otherwise, and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Starbucks Coffee and Workers United must complete the Statement of Position and file it and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve it on the parties listed on the petition such that is received by them by no later than **noon** Eastern time on May 18, 2023. Following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position by Starbucks Coffee and Workers United, the Petitioner must complete its Responsive Statement of Position(s) responding to the issues raised in the Employer's and/or Union's Statement of Position and file them and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve them on the parties named in the petition such they are received by them no later than **noon** Eastern on May 23, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, all documents filed in cases before the Agency must be filed by electronically submitting (E-Filing) through the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov), unless the party filing the document does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Documents filed by means other than E-Filing must be accompanied by a statement explaining

why the filing party does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Detailed instructions for using the NLRB's E-Filing system can be found in the [E-Filing System User Guide](#)

The Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, must be filed by **noon** Eastern on the due date in order to be timely. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional Office before the due date of the Statement of Position, the Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position are not required to be filed. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional office after the due date of the Statement of Position but before the due date of the Responsive Statement of Position, the Responsive Statement of Position is not required to be filed.

Dated: May 8, 2023

/s/Linda M. Leslie

LINDA M. LESLIE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

Starbucks Coffee Employer and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Petitioner and Workers United Union	Case 03-RD-317482
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF: Petition dated May 8, 2023, Notice of Representation Hearing dated May 8, 2023, Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form NLRB-4812), Notice of Petition for Election, and Statement of Position Form (Form NLRB-505).

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on May 8, 2023, I served the above documents by electronic mail and regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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Starbucks Coffee
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Rochester, NY 14620

Workers United
750 East Ave
Rochester, NY 14607-2100

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

May 8, 2023

Date

Andrea Seyfried, Designated Agent of NLRB

Name

/s/Andrea Seyfried

Signature

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

**DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES**

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An **RC** petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An **RD** petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An **RM** petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

Right to be Represented – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at www.nlr.gov or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

Filing and Service of Petition – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

Notice of Hearing – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews the petition, certificate of service, and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 14 business days (excluding weekends and federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position and the Responsive Statement of Position(s). Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are the following: (1) copy of the petition, (2) this form, (3) Statement of Position for non-petitioning parties, (4) petitioner's Responsive Statement of Position, (5) Notice of Petition for Election, and (6) letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

Hearing Postponement: Requests to postpone the hearing are not routinely granted, but the regional director may postpone the hearing for good cause. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request must be filed electronically ("E-Filed") on the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov) by following the instructions on the website. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. In an **RC** or **RD** case, as part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional

form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon 8 business days from the issuance of the Notice of Hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for good cause. The Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Responsive Statement of Position – Petitioner's Responsive Statement(s) of Position solicits a response to the Statement(s) of Position filed by the other parties and further facilitates entry into election agreements or streamlines the preelection hearing. A petitioner must file a Responsive Statement of Position in response to each party's Statement of Position addressing each issue in each Statement of Position(s), if desired. In the case of an RM petition, the employer-petitioner must also provide commerce information and file and serve a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. Ordinarily, the Responsive Statement of Position must be electronically filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by noon 3 business days prior to the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Responsive Statement of Position for good cause. The Responsive Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Responsive Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Responsive Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a Postponement of the Responsive Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election – Within 5 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically to the employees in the petitioned-for unit if the employer customarily communicates with these employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Election Agreements – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

Hearing – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

Purpose of Hearing: The primary purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit

appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative.

Issues at Hearing: Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; seasonal operation; potential mixed guard/non-guard unit; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the timely filed Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position(s) will be received into evidence. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.

Preclusion: At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or Responsive Statement of Position(s) or to place in dispute in timely response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Conduct of Hearing: If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have disabilities falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

Official Record: An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.) All statements made at the hearing will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

Motions and Objections: All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

Election Details: Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

Oral Argument and Briefs: Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of law. Post-hearing briefs shall be due within 5 business days of the close of the hearing. The hearing officer may allow up to 10 additional business days for such briefs prior to the close of hearing and for good cause. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. Briefs including electronic documents, filed with the Regional Director must be formatted as double-spaced in an 8½ by 11 inch format and must be e-filed through the Board's website, www.nlr.gov.

Regional Director Decision - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 10 business days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

Voter List – The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular ("cell") telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge. The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be received by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction of elections unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

Waiver of Time to Use Voter List – Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 calendar days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

Election – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

Withdrawal or Dismissal – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must EFile your Statement of Position at www.nlr.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

Required Lists: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx).

Consequences of Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
STATEMENT OF POSITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Case No. 03-RD-317482	Date Filed May 8, 2023
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INSTRUCTIONS: Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
Added		Excluded	
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be <i>added</i> to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be <i>excluded</i> from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. (Attachment D)			
8a. State your position with respect to the details of any election that may be conducted in this matter. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative	9b. Signature of authorized representative		9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME

CASE NUMBER

03-RD-317482

1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION
OR FORMATION

B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

YES

NO

A. Did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value.
\$ _____B. If you answered no to 9A, did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____D. Did you **sell goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____E. If you answered no to 9D, did you **sell goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____F. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____G. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____H. **Gross Revenues** from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$250,000 ☐ \$500,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.I. Did you **begin operations within the last 12 months**? If yes, specify date: _____

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME

TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

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REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

Required List: In addition to responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, if any, the Employer-Petitioner in an RM case is required to file and serve on the parties a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. This list must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form, the list must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Consequences of Failure to Submit a Responsive Statement of Position: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION – RC, RD or RM PETITION

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Case No.
03-RD-317482

Date Filed
May 8, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS: If a party has submitted and served on you a timely Statement of Position to an RC, RD or RM petition, the Petitioner must submit this Responsive Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and any attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by noon local time, three business days prior to the hearing date specified in the Notice of Hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position received by the Petitioner. The Petitioner-Employer in a RM case is required to file this Responsive Statement of Position and include an appropriate employee list without regard to whether another party has filed a Statement of Position.

This Responsive Statement of Position is filed by the Petitioner in response to a Statement of Position received from the following party:

The Employer	An Intervenor/Union
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1a. Full Name of Party Filing Responsive Statement of Position			
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1c. Business Phone	1d. Cell No.	1e. Fax No.	1f. E-Mail Address
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1b. Address (Street and Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)			
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2. Identify all issues raised in the other party's Statement of Position that you dispute and describe the basis of your dispute:

a. EMPLOYER NAME/IDENTITY [Box 1a of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

b. JURISDICTION [Box 2 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

c. APPROPRIATENESS OF UNIT [Boxes 3, 3a and 3b of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

d. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY [Box 4 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

e. BARS TO ELECTION [Box 5 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

f. ALL OTHER ISSUES [Box 6 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

g. ELECTION DETAILS [Boxes 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

Full Name and Title of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
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WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001) PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

Please fill all necessary fields on the form PRIOR to digitally signing. To make changes after the form has been signed, right-click on the signature field and click "clear signature." Once complete, please sign the form.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**DESCRIPTION OF VOTER LIST REQUIREMENT AFTER HEARING IN CERTIFICATION AND
DECERTIFICATION CASES**

If an election is directed, the employer must provide the voter list. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be *received* by the Regional Director and the parties named in the Decision and Direction of Election within 2 business days after the issuance of the Decision unless a longer period, based on extraordinary circumstances, is specified in the Decision and Direction of Election. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the Regional Director when the voter list is filed. The region will not serve the voter list.

List Contents - The list must include the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers of all eligible voters). The Employer must also include in separate sections of that list the same information for those individuals the parties have agreed will be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the Decision and Direction of Election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge.

List Format - The list must be in an electronic format approved by the General Counsel, unless the Employer certifies that it does not have the capacity to produce the list in the required format. Accordingly, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the list must be provided in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). The first column of the list must begin with each employee's last name and the list must be alphabetized (overall or by department) by last name. Because the list will be used during the election, the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at: **[www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)**.

It may be appropriate for the Employer to produce multiple versions of the list where the data required is kept in separate databases or files so long as all of the lists link the information to the same employees, using the same names, in the same order and are provided within the allotted time. If the Employer provides multiple lists, the list used at the election will be the list containing the employees' names and addresses.

Filing of the List - The voter list must be filed electronically by submitting (E-Filing) it through the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov), unless the Employer provides a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. The Employer must also electronically serve the list on the other parties. To file electronically, go to www.nlr.gov, click on *E-File Case Documents*, and follow the detailed instructions. The burden of establishing the timely filing and receipt of the list is on the sending party. If you have questions about the submission, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Service of the List - The list must be served on the parties named in the Decision and Direction of Election within 2 business days after issuance of the Decision, unless another date has been specified. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the Regional Director when the voter list is filed. The Employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The Employer may not object to the failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in the proper format if it is responsible for the failure.

The parties are not allowed to use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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May 8, 2023

URGENT

Workers United
750 East Ave
Rochester, NY 14607-2100

Re: Starbucks Coffee
Case 03-RD-317482

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a petition that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) seeking an election involving certain employees for which you are the exclusive collective bargaining representative. Please read this letter carefully to make sure you are aware of the union's obligations. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be handling this matter, about the Employer's requirement to post and distribute the Notice of Petition for Election, the requirement that you complete and serve a Statement of Position Form, the petitioner's requirement to complete and serve a Responsive Statement of Position Form, a scheduled hearing in this matter, other information needed, your right to be represented, and NLRB procedures, including how to submit documents.

Investigator: This petition will be investigated by Field Examiner THOMAS A. MILLER whose telephone number is (716)398-7004. The Board agent will contact you shortly to discuss processing the petition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Board agent. The Board agent may also contact you and the other party or parties to schedule a conference meeting or telephonic or video conference for some time before the close of business the day following receipt of the final Responsive Statement(s) of Position. This will give the parties sufficient time to determine if any issues can be resolved prior to hearing or if a hearing is necessary. If the agent is not available, you may contact Assistant to the Regional Director DAVID TURNER whose telephone number is (518)419-6669. If appropriate, the NLRB attempts to schedule an election either by agreement of the parties or by holding a hearing and then directing an election.

The Union's Required Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the union is required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form, have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy (with all required attachments) with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on May 18, 2023**. This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon Eastern Time.** If

you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent named above.

Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under Section 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§ 102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

The Employer's Required Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the employer is required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form (including the attached Commerce Questionnaire), have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy (with all required attachments) with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on May 18, 2023**. This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon Eastern Time.**

List(s) of Employees: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also

indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Responsive Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position, the petitioner is required to complete the enclosed Responsive Statement of Position form addressing the issues raised in the Statement of Position. The petitioner must file a completed, signed copy in response to any timely filed and served Statement of Position by any party, with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition, such that it is received no later than **noon Eastern Time on May 23, 2023.**

Notice of Hearing: Enclosed is a Notice of Representation Hearing to be conducted at **10:00 AM on Friday, May 26, 2023, via videoconference**, if the parties do not voluntarily agree to an election. If a hearing is necessary, the hearing will run on consecutive days until concluded unless the regional director concludes that extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. Before the hearing begins, the NLRB will continue to explore potential areas of agreement with the parties in order to reach an election agreement and to eliminate or limit the costs associated with formal hearings.

Upon request of a party showing good cause, the regional director may postpone the hearing. A party desiring a postponement should make the request to the regional director in writing, set forth in detail the grounds for the request, and include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. E-Filing the request is required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Posting and Distribution of Notice: The Employer must post the enclosed Notice of Petition for Election by May 15, 2023 in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. If it customarily communicates electronically with its employees in the petitioned-for unit, it must also distribute the notice electronically to them. The Employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn or this notice is replaced by the Notice of Election. Failure to post or distribute the notice may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Other Information Needed Now: Please submit to this office, as soon as possible, the following information needed to handle this matter:

- (a) The correct name of the Union as stated in its constitution or bylaws.

- (b) A copy of any existing or recently expired collective-bargaining agreements, and any addenda or extensions, or any recognition agreements covering any employees in the petitioned-for unit.
- (c) If potential voters will need notices or ballots translated into a language other than English, the names of those languages and dialects, if any.
- (d) The name and contact information for any other labor organization (union) claiming to represent or have an interest in any of the employees in the petitioned-for unit and for any employer who may be a joint employer of the employees in the proposed unit. Failure to disclose the existence of an interested party may delay the processing of the petition.

Voter List: If an election is held in this matter, the employer must transmit to this office and to the other parties to the election, an alphabetized list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers) of eligible voters. Usually, the list must be furnished within 2 business days of the issuance of the Decision and Direction of Election or approval of an election agreement. The list must be electronically filed with the Region and served electronically on the other parties. To guard against potential abuse, this list may not be used for purposes other than the representation proceeding, NLRB proceedings arising from it or other related matters.

Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 days after the date when the Employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, a petitioner and/or union entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483, which is available on the NLRB's website or from an NLRB office. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the voter list agree to waive the same number of days.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. In view of our policy of processing these cases expeditiously, if you wish to be represented, you should obtain representation promptly. Your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If someone contacts you about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the NLRB. Their knowledge regarding this matter was obtained only through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency's web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a

written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determinations solely based on the documents and evidence properly submitted. All evidence submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI): This National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) proceeding may contain Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). Subsequent information in this proceeding may also constitute CUI. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) regulations at 32 CFR Part 2002 apply to all executive branch agencies that designate or handle information that meets the standards for CUI.

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Information about the NLRB and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request. We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,



LINDA M. LESLIE
Regional Director

Enclosures

1. Petition
2. Notice of Petition for Election (Form 5492)
3. Notice of Representation Hearing
4. Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 4812)
5. Statement of Position form and Commerce Questionnaire (Form 505)
6. Responsive Statement of Position (Form 506)
7. Description of Voter List Requirement after Hearing in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 5580)

cc:

Ian Hayes, Attorney

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National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ELECTION

This notice is to inform employees that **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a Federal agency, in Case 03-RD-317482 seeking an election to determine if the employees of Starbucks Coffee in the unit set forth below wish to be represented by Workers United for the purposes of collective bargaining:

Included: Barista, shift supervisor Excluded: assistant store manager, store manager

This notice also provides you with information about your basic rights under the National Labor Relations Act, the processing of the petition, and rules to keep NLRB elections fair and honest.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT under Federal Law

- To self-organization
- To form, join, or assist labor organizations
- To bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing
- To act together for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a state where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments).

PROCESSING THIS PETITION

Elections do not necessarily occur in all cases after a petition is filed. **NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET** regarding the appropriateness of the proposed unit or whether an election will be held in this matter. If appropriate, the NLRB will first see if the parties will enter into an election agreement that specifies the method, date, time, and location of an election and the unit of employees eligible to vote. If the parties do not enter into an election agreement, usually a hearing is held to receive evidence on the appropriateness of the unit and other issues in dispute. After a hearing, an election may be directed by the NLRB, if appropriate.

IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, it will be conducted by the NLRB by secret ballot and Notices of Election will be posted before the election giving complete details for voting.

ELECTION RULES

The NLRB applies rules that are intended to keep its elections fair and honest and that result in a free choice. If agents of any party act in such a way as to interfere with your right to a free election, the election can be set aside by the NLRB. Where appropriate the NLRB provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with employees' rights and may result in setting aside the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an employer or a union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or, if the election is conducted by mail, from the time and date the ballots are scheduled to be sent out by the Region until the time and date set for their return
- Incitement by either an employer or a union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a union or an employer to influence their votes

Please be assured that IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, every effort will be made to protect your right to a free choice under the law. Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with the NLRB in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law. The NLRB as an agency of the United States Government does not endorse any choice in the election.

For additional information about the processing of petitions, go to www.nlr.gov or contact the NLRB at (716)551-4931.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE. IT MUST REMAIN POSTED WITH ALL PAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY VISIBLE UNTIL REPLACED BY THE NOTICE OF ELECTION OR THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN.



National Labor Relations Board





**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
REGION 03**



Starbucks Coffee Employer and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Petitioner and Workers United Union	Case 03-RD-317482
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NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION HEARING

The Petitioner filed the attached petition pursuant to Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act. It appears that a question affecting commerce exists as to whether the employees in the unit described in the petition wish to be represented by a collective-bargaining representative as defined in Section 9(a) of the Act.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Sections 3(b) and 9(c) of the Act, at 10:00 AM on **Friday, May 26, 2023** and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, at the National Labor Relations Board offices located, via videoconference, a hearing will be conducted before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board. At the hearing, the parties will have the right to appear in person or otherwise, and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Starbucks Coffee and Workers United must complete the Statement of Position and file it and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve it on the parties listed on the petition such that is received by them by no later than **noon** Eastern time on May 18, 2023. Following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position by Starbucks Coffee and Workers United, the Petitioner must complete its Responsive Statement of Position(s) responding to the issues raised in the Employer's and/or Union's Statement of Position and file them and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve them on the parties named in the petition such they are received by them no later than **noon** Eastern on May 23, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, all documents filed in cases before the Agency must be filed by electronically submitting (E-Filing) through the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov), unless the party filing the document does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Documents filed by means other than E-Filing must be accompanied by a statement explaining

why the filing party does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Detailed instructions for using the NLRB's E-Filing system can be found in the [E-Filing System User Guide](#)

The Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, must be filed by **noon** Eastern on the due date in order to be timely. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional Office before the due date of the Statement of Position, the Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position are not required to be filed. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional office after the due date of the Statement of Position but before the due date of the Responsive Statement of Position, the Responsive Statement of Position is not required to be filed.

Dated: May 8, 2023

/s/Linda M. Leslie

LINDA M. LESLIE
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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Starbucks Coffee Employer and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Petitioner and Workers United Union	Case 03-RD-317482
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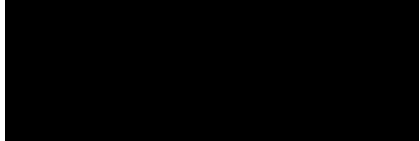
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF: Petition dated May 8, 2023, Notice of Representation Hearing dated May 8, 2023, Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form NLRB-4812), Notice of Petition for Election, and Statement of Position Form (Form NLRB-505).

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on May 8, 2023, I served the above documents by electronic mail and regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)


May 8, 2023

Date

Andrea Seyfried, Designated Agent of NLRB

Name

/s/Andrea Seyfried

Signature

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

**DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES**

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An **RC** petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An **RD** petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An **RM** petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

Right to be Represented – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at www.nlr.gov or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

Filing and Service of Petition – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

Notice of Hearing – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews the petition, certificate of service, and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 14 business days (excluding weekends and federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position and the Responsive Statement of Position(s). Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are the following: (1) copy of the petition, (2) this form, (3) Statement of Position for non-petitioning parties, (4) petitioner's Responsive Statement of Position, (5) Notice of Petition for Election, and (6) letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

Hearing Postponement: Requests to postpone the hearing are not routinely granted, but the regional director may postpone the hearing for good cause. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request must be filed electronically ("E-Filed") on the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov) by following the instructions on the website. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. In an **RC** or **RD** case, as part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional

form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon 8 business days from the issuance of the Notice of Hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for good cause. The Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Responsive Statement of Position – Petitioner's Responsive Statement(s) of Position solicits a response to the Statement(s) of Position filed by the other parties and further facilitates entry into election agreements or streamlines the preelection hearing. A petitioner must file a Responsive Statement of Position in response to each party's Statement of Position addressing each issue in each Statement of Position(s), if desired. In the case of an RM petition, the employer-petitioner must also provide commerce information and file and serve a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. Ordinarily, the Responsive Statement of Position must be electronically filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by noon 3 business days prior to the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Responsive Statement of Position for good cause. The Responsive Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Responsive Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Responsive Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a Postponement of the Responsive Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election – Within 5 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically to the employees in the petitioned-for unit if the employer customarily communicates with these employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Election Agreements – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

Hearing – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

Purpose of Hearing: The primary purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit

appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative.

Issues at Hearing: Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; seasonal operation; potential mixed guard/non-guard unit; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the timely filed Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position(s) will be received into evidence. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.

Preclusion: At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or Responsive Statement of Position(s) or to place in dispute in timely response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Conduct of Hearing: If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have disabilities falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

Official Record: An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.) All statements made at the hearing will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

Motions and Objections: All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

Election Details: Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

Oral Argument and Briefs: Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of law. Post-hearing briefs shall be due within 5 business days of the close of the hearing. The hearing officer may allow up to 10 additional business days for such briefs prior to the close of hearing and for good cause. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. Briefs including electronic documents, filed with the Regional Director must be formatted as double-spaced in an 8½ by 11 inch format and must be e-filed through the Board's website, www.nlr.gov.

Regional Director Decision - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 10 business days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

Voter List – The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular ("cell") telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge. The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be received by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction of elections unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

Waiver of Time to Use Voter List – Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 calendar days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

Election – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

Withdrawal or Dismissal – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must EFile your Statement of Position at www.nlr.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

Required Lists: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx).

Consequences of Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
STATEMENT OF POSITION

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Case No.

03-RD-317482

Date Filed

May 8, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
Added		Excluded	
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be <i>added</i> to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be <i>excluded</i> from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. (Attachment D)			
8a. State your position with respect to the details of any election that may be conducted in this matter. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative		9b. Signature of authorized representative	9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME

CASE NUMBER

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1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION
OR FORMATION

B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

YES

NO

A. Did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value.
\$ _____B. If you answered no to 9A, did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____D. Did you **sell goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____E. If you answered no to 9D, did you **sell goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____F. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____G. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____H. **Gross Revenues** from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$250,000 ☐ \$500,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.I. Did you **begin operations within the last 12 months?** If yes, specify date: _____

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME

TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

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REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

Required List: In addition to responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, if any, the Employer-Petitioner in an RM case is required to file and serve on the parties a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. This list must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form, the list must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Consequences of Failure to Submit a Responsive Statement of Position: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

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INSTRUCTIONS: If a party has submitted and served on you a timely Statement of Position to an RC, RD or RM petition, the Petitioner must submit this Responsive Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and any attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by noon local time, three business days prior to the hearing date specified in the Notice of Hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position received by the Petitioner. The Petitioner-Employer in a RM case is required to file this Responsive Statement of Position and include an appropriate employee list without regard to whether another party has filed a Statement of Position.

This Responsive Statement of Position is filed by the Petitioner in response to a Statement of Position received from the following party:

The Employer

An Intervenor/Union

1a. Full Name of Party Filing Responsive Statement of Position

1c. Business Phone

1d. Cell No.

1e. Fax No.

1f. E-Mail Address

1b. Address (Street and Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)

2. Identify all issues raised in the other party's Statement of Position that you dispute and describe the basis of your dispute:

a. EMPLOYER NAME/IDENTITY [Box 1a of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

b. JURISDICTION [Box 2 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

c. APPROPRIATENESS OF UNIT [Boxes 3, 3a and 3b of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

d. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY [Box 4 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

e. BARS TO ELECTION [Box 5 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

f. ALL OTHER ISSUES [Box 6 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

g. ELECTION DETAILS [Boxes 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

Full Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001) PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

Please fill all necessary fields on the form PRIOR to digitally signing. To make changes after the form has been signed, right-click on the signature field and click "clear signature." Once complete, please sign the form.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**DESCRIPTION OF VOTER LIST REQUIREMENT AFTER HEARING IN CERTIFICATION AND
DECERTIFICATION CASES**

If an election is directed, the employer must provide the voter list. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be *received* by the Regional Director and the parties named in the Decision and Direction of Election within 2 business days after the issuance of the Decision unless a longer period, based on extraordinary circumstances, is specified in the Decision and Direction of Election. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the Regional Director when the voter list is filed. The region will not serve the voter list.

List Contents - The list must include the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers of all eligible voters). The Employer must also include in separate sections of that list the same information for those individuals the parties have agreed will be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the Decision and Direction of Election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge.

List Format - The list must be in an electronic format approved by the General Counsel, unless the Employer certifies that it does not have the capacity to produce the list in the required format. Accordingly, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the list must be provided in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). The first column of the list must begin with each employee's last name and the list must be alphabetized (overall or by department) by last name. Because the list will be used during the election, the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at: **[www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)**.

It may be appropriate for the Employer to produce multiple versions of the list where the data required is kept in separate databases or files so long as all of the lists link the information to the same employees, using the same names, in the same order and are provided within the allotted time. If the Employer provides multiple lists, the list used at the election will be the list containing the employees' names and addresses.

Filing of the List - The voter list must be filed electronically by submitting (E-Filing) it through the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov), unless the Employer provides a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. The Employer must also electronically serve the list on the other parties. To file electronically, go to www.nlr.gov, click on *E-File Case Documents*, and follow the detailed instructions. The burden of establishing the timely filing and receipt of the list is on the sending party. If you have questions about the submission, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Service of the List - The list must be served on the parties named in the Decision and Direction of Election within 2 business days after issuance of the Decision, unless another date has been specified. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the Regional Director when the voter list is filed. The Employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The Employer may not object to the failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in the proper format if it is responsible for the failure.

The parties are not allowed to use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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May 8, 2023

URGENT

Starbucks Coffee
1394 Mt. Hope Ave.
Rochester, NY 14620

Re: Starbucks Coffee
Case 03-RD-317482

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a petition that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) seeking to decertify Workers United as the collective-bargaining representative of certain of your employees. After a petition is filed, the employer is required to promptly take certain actions so please read this letter carefully to make sure you are aware of the employer's obligations. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be handling this matter, about the requirement to post and distribute the Notice of Petition for Election, the requirement to complete and serve a Statement of Position Form, the Petitioner's requirement to complete and serve a Responsive Statement of Position Form, a scheduled hearing in this matter, other information needed including a voter list, your right to be represented, and NLRB procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This petition will be investigated by Field Examiner THOMAS A. MILLER whose telephone number is (716)398-7004. The Board agent will contact you shortly to discuss processing the petition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Board agent. If the agent is not available, you may contact Assistant to the Regional Director DAVID TURNER whose telephone number is (518)419-6669. The Board agent may also contact you and the other party or parties to schedule a conference meeting or telephonic or video conference for some time before the close of business the day following receipt of the final Responsive Statement(s) of Position. This will give the parties sufficient time to determine if any issues can be resolved prior to hearing or if a hearing is necessary. If appropriate, the NLRB attempts to schedule an election either by agreement of the parties or by holding a hearing and then directing an election.

Required Posting and Distribution of Notice: You must post the enclosed Notice of Petition for Election by May 15, 2023 in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. The Notice of Petition for Election must be posted so all pages are simultaneously visible. If you customarily communicate electronically with employees in the petitioned-for unit, you must also distribute the notice electronically to them. You must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn or this notice is replaced by the Notice of Election. Posting and distribution of the Notice of Petition for Election will inform the

employees whose representation is at issue and the employer of their rights and obligations under the National Labor Relations Act in the representation context. Failure to post or distribute the notice may be grounds for setting aside an election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Required Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, the employer is required to complete the enclosed Statement of Position form (including the attached Commerce Questionnaire), have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy (with all required attachments) with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition such that it is received by them by **noon Eastern Time on May 18, 2023**. This form solicits information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. **This form must be e-Filed, but unlike other e-Filed documents, will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon May 18, 2023.** If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent named above.

List(s) of Employees: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under Section 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party

contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§ 102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Responsive Statement of Position: In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, following timely filing and service of an employer's Statement of Position, the petitioner is required to complete the enclosed Responsive Statement of Position form, have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in the employer's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than **noon Eastern Time on May 23, 2023.**

Notice of Hearing: Enclosed is a Notice of Representation Hearing to be conducted at **10:00 AM on Friday, May 26, 2023, via videoconference**, if the parties do not voluntarily agree to an election. If a hearing is necessary, the hearing will run on consecutive days until concluded unless the regional director concludes that extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. Before the hearing begins, the NLRB will continue to explore potential areas of agreement with the parties in order to reach an election agreement and to eliminate or limit the costs associated with formal hearings.

Upon request of a party showing good cause, the regional director may postpone the hearing. A party desiring a postponement should make the request to the regional director in writing, set forth in detail the grounds for the request, and include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. E-Filing the request is required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Other Information Needed Now: Please submit to this office, as soon as possible, the following information needed to handle this matter:

- (a) A copy of any existing or recently expired collective-bargaining agreements, and any amendments or extensions, or any recognition agreements covering any of your employees in the unit involved in the petition (the petitioned-for unit);
- (b) The name and contact information for any other labor organization (union) claiming to represent any of the employees in the petitioned-for unit;

- (c) If potential voters will need notices or ballots translated into a language other than English, the names of those languages and dialects, if any.
- (d) If you desire a formal check of the showing of interest, you must provide an alphabetized payroll list of employees in the petitioned-for unit, with their job classifications, for the payroll period immediately before the date of this petition. Such a payroll list should be submitted as early as possible prior to the hearing. Ordinarily a formal check of the showing of interest is not performed using the employee list submitted as part of the Statement of Position.

Voter List: If an election is held in this matter, the employer must transmit to this office and to the other parties to the election, an alphabetized list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers) of eligible voters. Usually, the list must be furnished within 2 business days of the issuance of the Decision and Direction of Election or approval of an election agreement. I am advising you of this requirement now, so that you will have ample time to prepare this list. The list must be electronically filed with the Region and served electronically on the other parties. To guard against potential abuse, this list may not be used for purposes other than the representation proceeding, NLRB proceedings arising from it or other related matters.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or at the Regional office upon your request.

If someone contacts you about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any “inside knowledge” or favored relationship with the NLRB. Their knowledge regarding this matter was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency’s web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determinations solely based on the documents and evidence properly submitted. All evidence submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI): This National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) proceeding may contain Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). Subsequent information in this proceeding may also constitute CUI. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) regulations at 32 CFR Part 2002 apply to all executive branch agencies that designate or handle information that meets the standards for CUI.

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Information about the NLRB and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request. We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,



LINDA M. LESLIE
Regional Director

Enclosures

1. Petition
2. Notice of Petition for Election (Form 5492)
3. Notice of Representation Hearing
4. Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 4812)
5. Statement of Position form and Commerce Questionnaire (Form 505)
6. Responsive Statement of Position (Form 506)
7. Description of Voter List Requirement after Hearing in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form 5580)

cc: Alan I. Model, Esquire
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National Labor Relations Board



NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ELECTION

This notice is to inform employees that **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a Federal agency, in Case 03-RD-317482 seeking an election to determine if the employees of Starbucks Coffee in the unit set forth below wish to be represented by Workers United for the purposes of collective bargaining:

Included: Barista, shift supervisor Excluded: assistant store manager, store manager

This notice also provides you with information about your basic rights under the National Labor Relations Act, the processing of the petition, and rules to keep NLRB elections fair and honest.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT under Federal Law

- To self-organization
- To form, join, or assist labor organizations
- To bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing
- To act together for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a state where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustments).

PROCESSING THIS PETITION

Elections do not necessarily occur in all cases after a petition is filed. **NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET** regarding the appropriateness of the proposed unit or whether an election will be held in this matter. If appropriate, the NLRB will first see if the parties will enter into an election agreement that specifies the method, date, time, and location of an election and the unit of employees eligible to vote. If the parties do not enter into an election agreement, usually a hearing is held to receive evidence on the appropriateness of the unit and other issues in dispute. After a hearing, an election may be directed by the NLRB, if appropriate.

IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, it will be conducted by the NLRB by secret ballot and Notices of Election will be posted before the election giving complete details for voting.

ELECTION RULES

The NLRB applies rules that are intended to keep its elections fair and honest and that result in a free choice. If agents of any party act in such a way as to interfere with your right to a free election, the election can be set aside by the NLRB. Where appropriate the NLRB provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with employees' rights and may result in setting aside the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an employer or a union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or, if the election is conducted by mail, from the time and date the ballots are scheduled to be sent out by the Region until the time and date set for their return
- Incitement by either an employer or a union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a union or an employer to influence their votes

Please be assured that IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, every effort will be made to protect your right to a free choice under the law. Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with the NLRB in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law. The NLRB as an agency of the United States Government does not endorse any choice in the election.

For additional information about the processing of petitions, go to www.nlr.gov or contact the NLRB at (716)551-4931.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE. IT MUST REMAIN POSTED WITH ALL PAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY VISIBLE UNTIL REPLACED BY THE NOTICE OF ELECTION OR THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN.



National Labor Relations Board





**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
REGION 03**



Starbucks Coffee Employer and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Petitioner and Workers United Union	Case 03-RD-317482
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NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION HEARING

The Petitioner filed the attached petition pursuant to Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act. It appears that a question affecting commerce exists as to whether the employees in the unit described in the petition wish to be represented by a collective-bargaining representative as defined in Section 9(a) of the Act.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Sections 3(b) and 9(c) of the Act, at 10:00 AM on **Friday, May 26, 2023** and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, at the National Labor Relations Board offices located, via videoconference, a hearing will be conducted before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board. At the hearing, the parties will have the right to appear in person or otherwise, and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Starbucks Coffee and Workers United must complete the Statement of Position and file it and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve it on the parties listed on the petition such that is received by them by no later than **noon** Eastern time on May 18, 2023. Following timely filing and service of a Statement of Position by Starbucks Coffee and Workers United, the Petitioner must complete its Responsive Statement of Position(s) responding to the issues raised in the Employer's and/or Union's Statement of Position and file them and all attachments with the Regional Director and serve them on the parties named in the petition such they are received by them no later than **noon** Eastern on May 23, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, all documents filed in cases before the Agency must be filed by electronically submitting (E-Filing) through the Agency's website (www.nlrb.gov), unless the party filing the document does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Documents filed by means other than E-Filing must be accompanied by a statement explaining

why the filing party does not have access to the means for filing electronically or filing electronically would impose an undue burden. Detailed instructions for using the NLRB's E-Filing system can be found in the [E-Filing System User Guide](#)

The Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, must be filed by **noon** Eastern on the due date in order to be timely. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional Office before the due date of the Statement of Position, the Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position are not required to be filed. If an election agreement is signed by all parties and returned to the Regional office after the due date of the Statement of Position but before the due date of the Responsive Statement of Position, the Responsive Statement of Position is not required to be filed.

Dated: May 8, 2023

/s/Linda M. Leslie

LINDA M. LESLIE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
REGION 03
130 S Elmwood Ave Ste 630
Buffalo, NY 14202-2465

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

Starbucks Coffee Employer and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Petitioner and Workers United Union	Case 03-RD-317482
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF: Petition dated May 8, 2023, Notice of Representation Hearing dated May 8, 2023, Description of Procedures in Certification and Decertification Cases (Form NLRB-4812), Notice of Petition for Election, and Statement of Position Form (Form NLRB-505).

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on May 8, 2023, I served the above documents by electronic mail and regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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Starbucks Coffee
1394 Mt. Hope Ave.
Rochester, NY 14620

Workers United
750 East Ave
Rochester, NY 14607-2100

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)


May 8, 2023

Date

Andrea Seyfried, Designated Agent of NLRB

Name

/s/Andrea Seyfried

Signature

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

**DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES**

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An **RC** petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An **RD** petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An **RM** petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

Right to be Represented – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at www.nlr.gov or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

Filing and Service of Petition – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

Notice of Hearing – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews the petition, certificate of service, and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 14 business days (excluding weekends and federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position and the Responsive Statement of Position(s). Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are the following: (1) copy of the petition, (2) this form, (3) Statement of Position for non-petitioning parties, (4) petitioner's Responsive Statement of Position, (5) Notice of Petition for Election, and (6) letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

Hearing Postponement: Requests to postpone the hearing are not routinely granted, but the regional director may postpone the hearing for good cause. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request must be filed electronically ("E-Filed") on the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov) by following the instructions on the website. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. In an **RC** or **RD** case, as part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional

form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx

Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon 8 business days from the issuance of the Notice of Hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for good cause. The Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Responsive Statement of Position – Petitioner's Responsive Statement(s) of Position solicits a response to the Statement(s) of Position filed by the other parties and further facilitates entry into election agreements or streamlines the preelection hearing. A petitioner must file a Responsive Statement of Position in response to each party's Statement of Position addressing each issue in each Statement of Position(s), if desired. In the case of an RM petition, the employer-petitioner must also provide commerce information and file and serve a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. Ordinarily, the Responsive Statement of Position must be electronically filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by noon 3 business days prior to the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Responsive Statement of Position for good cause. The Responsive Statement of Position form must be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will not be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Responsive Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion." A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Responsive Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a Postponement of the Responsive Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election – Within 5 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically to the employees in the petitioned-for unit if the employer customarily communicates with these employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

Election Agreements – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

Hearing – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

Purpose of Hearing: The primary purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit

appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative.

Issues at Hearing: Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; seasonal operation; potential mixed guard/non-guard unit; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the timely filed Statement of Position and Responsive Statement of Position(s) will be received into evidence. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.

Preclusion: At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or Responsive Statement of Position(s) or to place in dispute in timely response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

Conduct of Hearing: If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have disabilities falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

Official Record: An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.) All statements made at the hearing will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

Motions and Objections: All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

Election Details: Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

Oral Argument and Briefs: Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of law. Post-hearing briefs shall be due within 5 business days of the close of the hearing. The hearing officer may allow up to 10 additional business days for such briefs prior to the close of hearing and for good cause. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. Briefs including electronic documents, filed with the Regional Director must be formatted as double-spaced in an 8½ by 11 inch format and must be e-filed through the Board's website, www.nlr.gov.

Regional Director Decision - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 10 business days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

Voter List – The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular ("cell") telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge. The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be received by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction of elections unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

Waiver of Time to Use Voter List – Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 calendar days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

Election – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

Withdrawal or Dismissal – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must EFile your Statement of Position at www.nlr.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

Required Lists: The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx).

Consequences of Failure to Supply Information: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
STATEMENT OF POSITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Case No.

03-RD-317482

Date Filed

May 8, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.

Note: Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
Added		Excluded	
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be <i>added</i> to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be <i>excluded</i> from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. (Attachment D)			
8a. State your position with respect to the details of any election that may be conducted in this matter. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative		9b. Signature of authorized representative	9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER 03-RD-317482
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1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION OR FORMATION	B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES
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4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:	7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:
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8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:	B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:
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9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

	YES	NO
A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value. \$ _____		
B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____		
C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.		
I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____		

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TEL. NUMBER
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12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)	SIGNATURE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE
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REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT A RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM

Completing and Filing this Form: For **RC and RD petitions**, the Petitioner is required to complete this form in response to each timely filed and served Statement of Position filed by another party. For **RM petitions**, the Employer-Petitioner must complete a Responsive Statement of Position form and submit the list described below. In accordance with Section 102.63(b) of the Board's Rules, if you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative, and file a completed copy with any necessary attachments, with this office and serve it on all parties named in the petition responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, such that it is received no later than noon three business days before the date of the hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position you receive. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You must E-File your Responsive Statement of Position at www.NLRB.gov, but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed. Note that if you are completing this form as a PDF downloaded from www.NLRB.gov, the form will lock upon signature and no further editing may be made.**

Required List: In addition to responding to the issues raised in another party's Statement of Position, if any, the Employer-Petitioner in an RM case is required to file and serve on the parties a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. This list must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form, the list must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at [www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)

Consequences of Failure to Submit a Responsive Statement of Position: Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
RESPONSIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION – RC, RD or RM PETITION

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Case No.
03-RD-317482

Date Filed
May 8, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS: If a party has submitted and served on you a timely Statement of Position to an RC, RD or RM petition, the Petitioner must submit this Responsive Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and any attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by noon local time, three business days prior to the hearing date specified in the Notice of Hearing. A separate form must be completed for each timely filed and properly served Statement of Position received by the Petitioner. The Petitioner-Employer in a RM case is required to file this Responsive Statement of Position and include an appropriate employee list without regard to whether another party has filed a Statement of Position.

This Responsive Statement of Position is filed by the Petitioner in response to a Statement of Position received from the following party:

The Employer	An Intervenor/Union
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1a. Full Name of Party Filing Responsive Statement of Position			
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1c. Business Phone	1d. Cell No.	1e. Fax No.	1f. E-Mail Address
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1b. Address (Street and Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)			
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2. Identify all issues raised in the other party's Statement of Position that you dispute and describe the basis of your dispute:

a. EMPLOYER NAME/IDENTITY [Box 1a of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

b. JURISDICTION [Box 2 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505 and Questionnaire on Commerce Information]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

c. APPROPRIATENESS OF UNIT [Boxes 3, 3a and 3b of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

d. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY [Box 4 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

e. BARS TO ELECTION [Box 5 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

f. ALL OTHER ISSUES [Box 6 of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

g. ELECTION DETAILS [Boxes 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g of Statement of Position Form NLRB-505]

☐ No Dispute (no further response required) ☐ Dispute (response required below)

Response to Statement of Position:

Full Name and Title of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
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WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS PETITION CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001) PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation proceedings. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. 74942-43 (December 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations and may cause the NLRB to refuse to further process a representation case or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.

Please fill all necessary fields on the form PRIOR to digitally signing. To make changes after the form has been signed, right-click on the signature field and click "clear signature." Once complete, please sign the form.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**DESCRIPTION OF VOTER LIST REQUIREMENT AFTER HEARING IN CERTIFICATION AND
DECERTIFICATION CASES**

If an election is directed, the employer must provide the voter list. To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be *received* by the Regional Director and the parties named in the Decision and Direction of Election within 2 business days after the issuance of the Decision unless a longer period, based on extraordinary circumstances, is specified in the Decision and Direction of Election. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the Regional Director when the voter list is filed. The region will not serve the voter list.

List Contents - The list must include the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses and available home and personal cellular telephone numbers of all eligible voters). The Employer must also include in separate sections of that list the same information for those individuals the parties have agreed will be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the Decision and Direction of Election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge.

List Format - The list must be in an electronic format approved by the General Counsel, unless the Employer certifies that it does not have the capacity to produce the list in the required format. Accordingly, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the list must be provided in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). The first column of the list must begin with each employee's last name and the list must be alphabetized (overall or by department) by last name. Because the list will be used during the election, the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at: **[www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional Forms for Voter List.docx](http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-4559/Optional%20Forms%20for%20Voter%20List.docx)**.

It may be appropriate for the Employer to produce multiple versions of the list where the data required is kept in separate databases or files so long as all of the lists link the information to the same employees, using the same names, in the same order and are provided within the allotted time. If the Employer provides multiple lists, the list used at the election will be the list containing the employees' names and addresses.

Filing of the List - The voter list must be filed electronically by submitting (E-Filing) it through the Agency's website (www.nlr.gov), unless the Employer provides a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. The Employer must also electronically serve the list on the other parties. To file electronically, go to www.nlr.gov, click on *E-File Case Documents*, and follow the detailed instructions. The burden of establishing the timely filing and receipt of the list is on the sending party. If you have questions about the submission, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the petition.

Service of the List - The list must be served on the parties named in the Decision and Direction of Election within 2 business days after issuance of the Decision, unless another date has been specified. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the Regional Director when the voter list is filed. The Employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The Employer may not object to the failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in the proper format if it is responsible for the failure.

The parties are not allowed to use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Starbucks Corporation, Employer and Workers United, Petitioner
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CASE 03-RD-317482

☒ REGIONAL DIRECTOR

☐ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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☐ GENERAL COUNSEL
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THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF _____
Starbucks Corporation

IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:

☒ REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY

☒ IF REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY MAY RECEIVE COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE PARTY WILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SEC. 11842.3 OF THE CASEHANDLING MANUAL.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
REGION 3**

STARBUCKS CORPORATION^[1]

Employer

and

Case 03-RD-317482

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Petitioner

and

WORKERS UNITED

Union

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND
ORDER INDEFINITELY POSTPONING HEARING**

On May 8, 2023 **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** (Petitioner) filed a petition seeking to decertify Workers United (Union) as the exclusive collective-bargaining representative of a unit of baristas and shift supervisors employed by Starbucks Corporation (Employer) at its facility located at 1394 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620.²

There is a dispute as to whether a question concerning representation may be raised at this time. The procedural background of this matter is as follows:

1. On April 26, 2022, the Regional Director of Region 3 certified the Union as exclusive collective-bargaining representative of the following unit:

All full-time and regular part-time Baristas, Shift Supervisors, and Assistant Store Managers employed by the Employer at its store located at 1394 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620, excluding office clerical employees, guards, professional employees and supervisors as defined in the Act.

2. On October 4, 2022, the Regional Director of Region 19 issued Orders Severing Case and Further Consolidating Cases, Amended Further Consolidated Complaint and Notice of Hearing in cases 19-CA-294579 et al., alleging that the Employer violated Section 8(a)(1) of the Act by promising benefits to employees in stores that had not sought union representation. The Regional Director also alleged that the Employer violated Section 8(a)(3) and (1) of the Act by withholding benefit improvements and wage increases from employees at unionized stores, including the Mount Hope store,

¹ The caption of this case is hereby corrected to reflect the legal name of the Employer.

² Hereafter referred to as "the Mount Hope store."

while granting those benefits to stores where employees had not sought representation.

3. On April 25, 2023, the Regional Director of Region 19 issued an Order Consolidating Cases, Consolidated Complaint and Notice of Hearing in cases 01-CA-305952 et al., alleging, inter alia, that the Employer violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) of the Act by failing and refusing to provide and/or delaying in providing the Union with dates for initial first contract bargaining sessions at the Mount Hope store and by failing and refusing to meet and bargain with the Union for a first contract at the Mount Hope store.
4. On May 8, 2023, the Petitioner filed the instant decertification petition.

Under Section 9(c)(1) of the Act, a prerequisite to conducting a representation election is the existence of a question concerning representation. Based on the above, there are substantial and material issues of fact and law as to whether further processing of the petition is warranted. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any party hereto provide written cause of its legal position and argument as to whether the instant petition warrants further processing. Any submission should be accompanied by supporting documentary evidence and cite relevant and applicable legal authority. More specifically, the parties' submissions in response to this Order should address the following matter:

Whether the instant petition should be dismissed, subject to reinstatement, based on the unfair labor practices found in cases 19-CA-294579 et al., and 01-CA-305952 et al. See generally *Rieth-Riley Construction Co.*, 371 NLRB No. 109 (2022). More specifically, whether the unfair labor practices alleged in these complaints, which include allegations that the Employer unlawfully refused to bargain with the Union, if proven, would require the remedy of a bargaining order and extension of the certification year thereby precluding the existence of a question concerning representation. See *Big Three Industries*, 201 NLRB 197 (1973); *Brannan Sand & Gravel*, 308 NLRB 922 (1992); NLRB Casehandling Manual Part II, *Representation Proceedings*, Sections 11733.1(a)(2), 11733.1(a)(3) and 11730.3(b). Further, whether the unfair labor practices alleged in complaints 19-CA-294579 et al., and 01-CA-305952 et al., if proven, would have caused the employee disaffection underlying the decertification petition. See *Master Slack Corp.*, 271 NLRB 78, 84 (1984).

All submission to this Order must be received by this office by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023**. Copies of such submissions should be simultaneously served on all other parties to this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pending determination as to the appropriateness of further processing of this petition, that the respective deadlines for submission of Statements of Position and Responsive Statements of Position are hereby postponed indefinitely.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pending determination as to the appropriateness of further processing of this petition, that the hearing in this matter, currently scheduled to begin on May 26, 2023, is hereby postponed indefinitely.

Dated: May 15, 2023

/s/Linda M. Leslie

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STARBUCKS CORPORATION'S RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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I. INTRODUCTION

The NLRB's cornerstone responsibility is to protect employee free choice under Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act ("Act") to "form, join, or assist" a union and, equally, *the "right to refrain"* from having union representation.

Consistent with the NLRA's mandate to protect freedom of choice and expression under Sections 7 and 8(c), respectively, Starbucks also believes in elevating its partners'¹ voices and advocating for their ability to freely express their views on all topics. Starbucks' unique culture encourages partners to be their true selves, formulate their own beliefs, and make decisions consistent with their values. Starbucks has always been, and always will be, a staunch supporter of protecting speech and voting rights for all, so each individual partner's voice is heard.

At risk herein are the protected rights and voices of Starbucks partners at Store #7310, 1394 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 ("Mt. Hope store"), compelling Starbucks to advocate on their behalf. The Mt. Hope store partners have been represented by Workers United ("Union") since the April 26, 2022 Certification of Representation issued in Case 03-RC-289801.

The Mt. Hope store partners have indicated by filing a decertification petition that a significant percentage of them no longer desire Workers United's representation and they intend to determine, through the sanctity of an NLRB-conducted in-person ballot, whether that sentiment is shared by the majority of the unit. On May 8, 2023, Petitioner (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the Mt. Hope store, filed the instant decertification petition asking the NLRB to hold a secret ballot election in which the store's partners can vote on continued Workers United representation as is their right.

¹ Because Starbucks refers to its employees as partners, the term "partners" will be used herein.

This decertification petition should come as no surprise. Workers United representation was foisted upon the Mt. Hope store partners after a mail ballot election resulted in a tally of 13 votes for and 11 votes against union representation out of 41 eligible votes. Simply put, Workers United was chosen by 32% of Mt. Hope store partners and, after enduring such representation for one year, the Mt. Hope store partners seek to have their voices heard and votes counted.

Instead of respecting and protecting the Mt. Hope store partners' Section 7 rights to decide for themselves if they still desire union representation, on May 14, 2023, Workers United filed a Request to Dismiss the decertification petition to deprive the Mt. Hope partners of their Section 7 rights to vote in a secret ballot election to determine whether they want to continue with Workers United after having endured more than one year of the Union's representation. The following day, on May 15, 2023, Region 3 issued an Order to Show Cause ("Order" or "OSC") requiring (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Starbucks, and the Union to submit a legal position as to "whether the instant petition warrants further processing," and postponing indefinitely all other deadlines. The rationale articulated by the Region for such an Order was that there are pending complaints which encompass allegations pertaining to the Mt. Hope store, although there has not yet been a finding of merit by an Administrative Law Judge, a Board decision, or a Circuit Court of Appeals decision concluding that Starbucks violated the Act in any way in its dealings with the Union at the Mt. Hope store.

The Order makes clear that the Region, alone or in concert with Workers United, seeks to deprive the Mt. Hope store partners of their Section 7 rights on the theory that alleged nationwide unfair labor practices – none of which have been proven or found to be meritorious in *any forum* – somehow impacted the sentiment of the Mt. Hope store partners as embodied in the decertification petition filed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Indeed, the Order does not reference any complaint

issued or merit finding by Region 3 regarding unfair labor practices purportedly having occurred at the Mt. Hope store. The reality is the Mt. Hope store partners decided on their own, after more than a year of Union representation, that many of them simply do not have the same goals or perspective as Workers United and no longer want to be represented by Workers United. Rather than respect these partners' right of choice, and acknowledge the Union's shortcomings, Workers United seeks to lock the Mt. Hope store partners into Workers United representation for as long as it suits the Union's national agenda.

The Section 7 rights of the Mt. Hope store partners must be protected, rather than denied. Region 3's issuance of an Order to Show Cause in lieu of processing the decertification petition is irregular and unwarranted. It seeks to dismiss the partners' decertification petition without even holding a hearing to assess if there is any causal connection between the alleged unfair labor practices – most of which allegedly occurred many months ago and outside of Rochester – and the Mt. Hope store partners' disaffection with Workers United. Relatedly, Workers United's efforts to dismiss the petition and potentially coerce the Mt. Hope store partners into indefinite mandatory representation against their wishes is simply wrong and undercuts the foundations of the Act.

Should the Region refuse to process the instant decertification petition, it will send the message to all Starbucks partners that exercising their Section 7 rights is a one-way street into Workers United representation without any way out. Starbucks partners (and all employees) deserve better, and the Region must process this petition to effectuate the purposes of the Act – which permits Starbucks partners to choose representation or choose to no longer have representation. The Act protects representation as a matter of choice, and the Region's suggested dismissal or blocking of the petition deprives partners of such choice in dereliction of its duties and in direct contravention of the Act.

The Region must permit the election to proceed. Failing to do so would be in direct contravention of the Rules and Regulations the Region is mandated to follow. Further, it would demonstrate to this Union, and others, that they can file baseless charges as to avoid decertification, even if the partners they claim to represent have made clear their desire to end all representation, contrary to the unambiguous mandate of the 2020 Election Protection Rule. In addition, failing to process this petition would conclusively demonstrate that the Region, and the NLRB more broadly, has put its thumb firmly on the scale in favor of unions, and has turned its back on the Act's unequivocal right to refrain from union representation, in addition to the right to choose representation. The Region must carry out its statutory responsibilities by permitting the election to proceed and show that it is acting as a neutral in the election process in accordance with its mandates.

II. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On February 1, 2022, Workers United filed a representation petition in Case 03-RC-289801 seeking to represent all baristas, shift supervisors, and assistant store managers at Starbucks' store at 1394 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 (the "Unit"). Following a representation hearing on February 22, 2022, the Regional Director issued a Decision and Direction of Election ("D&DE") ordering a mail-ballot election, with ballots issued on March 16, 2022, and returnable April 6, 2022. The ballots were then counted via Zoom on April 7, 2022.

The ballot count resulted in 13 votes for Workers United and 11 votes against Workers United out of the 41 eligible partners.

On April 14, 2022, Starbucks timely filed Objections to the Conduct of the Election ("Objections"). In the days before the vote count, multiple partners expressed concern to Starbucks they had not received their ballots. Some partners stated that they contacted the Region seeking

ballots and did not receive return calls. Other partners stated they received their ballots only one or two days before the ballots were due back at the Region. Ultimately, three voters told Starbucks they planned to drive from Rochester to the Buffalo Regional office, a three-hour round-trip, to cast their ballots in the Regional office on the morning of the count because they had not received their ballots with sufficient time to return them by mail. A fourth voter told Starbucks they received their ballot on the date before the count but could not drive to Buffalo to vote.

On April 26, 2022, the Regional Director issued the Decision and Order Overruling Objections and Issuing Certification of Representative summarily overruling the objections without holding a hearing into its own alleged misconduct. On August 2, 2022, the Board denied the Employer's Request for Review.²

On May 8, 2023, after the Union's certification year expired, the Petitioner filed a decertification petition ("Petition") in this matter requesting that Region 3 conduct an election in which the Starbucks partners in the Unit could vote by secret ballot on whether they no longer want the Union to be their collective bargaining representative.

On May 14, 2023, Workers United filed a Request to Dismiss the decertification petition to deprive the Mt. Hope partners of their Section 7 rights to vote in a secret ballot election whether want to continue with Workers United representation.

On May 15, 2023, the Regional Director for Region 3 issued an Order to Show Cause requesting that the parties to this proceeding provide written cause of their legal position and argument as to whether the Petition warrants further processing and, more specifically, whether

² On August 15, 2022, a career civil servant at the NLRB filed a whistleblower complaint exposing misconduct by Board agents in Starbucks mail-ballot elections. Had the whistleblower complaint been filed before the Board's ruling on Starbucks' Request for Review, perhaps the outcome would have been different. This situation presents the opportunity to right a wrong in that the Mt. Hope store partners who have been forced into Workers United representation based on a ballot count of 32% of partners voting in favor of union representation. The Mt. Hope store partners deserve the right to vote in a neutral secret-ballot election.

the Petition should be dismissed, subject to reinstatement, based on the unfair labor practices (“ULPs”) alleged in the Complaints issued in Cases 19-CA-294579 et al. and 01-CA-305952 et al. In the OSC, the Regional Director further instructed the parties to address whether the allegations in these Complaints, if proven, would require the remedy of a bargaining order and extension of the certification year, thereby precluding the existence of a question concerning representation, and whether the ULPs alleged in these Complaints would have caused the partner disaffection underlying the Petition.

For the reasons set forth below, Starbucks respectfully submits that, under the Board’s 2020 Election Protection Rule, codified as Section 103.20 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, the Region must continue to process the Petition through an election and ballot count, irrespective of the Region’s merit determinations in these matters. The Region’s OSC has no basis in the NLRB’s Rules and Regulations and appears to be an improper end around to achieve the Region’s desired objective of blocking the election. If the Region fails to continue processing the Petition, then alternatively Starbucks requests that the Region schedule a *Saint Gobain* “causation” hearing at which evidence may be adduced as to whether the unfair labor practices alleged by Workers United have a causal nexus to the filing of the Petition.

Given the absence of a Region 3 merit-finding and issuance of a complaint pertaining to the Mt. Hope store partners, the Mt. Hope store partners’ rights will be delayed or wholly disregarded if the Region dismisses the Petition because the ULP allegations referenced in the Order will be litigated on a nationwide basis taking many years before it is resolved, leaving the Mt. Hope store partners with no avenue or recourse whatsoever to exercise their Section 7 right to vote on continued representation by Workers United. Such years-long delay will preclude the Mt. Hope store partners of their ability to engage directly with Starbucks on the terms and conditions

of employment in a manner that reflects their desires in filing the Petition. Should the Region dismiss the Petition, or hold it in indefinite abeyance, the partners will be left in limbo while Starbucks, the Union, and the Board litigate over an array of issues for the foreseeable future.

III. ARGUMENT

A. The 2020 Election Protection Rule.

1. Under Paragraph (b) of the 2020 Election Protection Rule, the Region Is Required to Conduct an Election and Count the Ballots While the Blocking Charges Are Pending.

The Election Protection Rule (“Rule”) became effective July 31, 2020 and remains the law. It prohibits the use of ULP “blocking charges” to delay or cause the dismissal of an election. Under the Rule, the Region is *required* to process a decertification petition through the election and ballot count and to only allow an ULP “blocking charge” to determine *when* the Region counts the ballots or certifies the results. The Rule does *not* allow “merit-determination dismissals” of petitions in response to the filing of blocking charges, nor does it permit placing the processing of petitions on hold or placing an election in abeyance because of blocking ULPs.

As stated in §103.20(b), “If charges are filed alleging violations other than those described in paragraph (c) of this section [involving alleged management taint of the showing of interest – which is *not* the case here], the ballots will be promptly opened and counted at the conclusion of the election.”

Under §103.20(c), if blocking charges are filed, the ballots will be impounded for up to 60 days from the conclusion of the election. If a complaint issues on the ULP charge before the 60-day impoundment expires, the ballots will remain impounded until the final determination on that charge and its effect, if any, on the election petition. However, if the ULP charge is withdrawn or dismissed or no complaint is issued before the 60-day impoundment period expires, then the Region will promptly open and count the ballots but still wait to issue the certification results until

final disposition of the blocking charge and a determination of the charge's effect, if any, on the election petition.

Therefore, under both paragraphs (b) and (c) of the Rule, the election goes forward, and under (b) the ballots are promptly counted in all cases whereas under (c) the ballots are either counted or impounded depending on the circumstances. **Nowhere does the Rule provide for dismissal of the petition due to a Regional Office's merit determination of a blocking charge without an election being conducted. Indeed, in GC Memo 20-11, providing guidance on the Rule, the General Counsel at the time expressly and unequivocally stated that "[e]lections will no longer be blocked by pending unfair labor practice charges."** Instead, depending on whether the charge allegations come within paragraph (b) or paragraph (c), after the election is conducted, the ballots either will be counted under (b) or impounded before the count under (c).

This is entirely consistent with the Board's clearly stated purpose and intent behind the Rule: "[O]ne of [its] principal duties . . . is to resolve questions of representation by holding elections, and that duty is not discharged where the Board does not process a representation petition, especially where there is no legitimate basis for delaying an election [T]he better policy protective of employee free choice is to eliminate blocking elections based on any pending unfair labor practice charge, even those that may ultimately be found to have merit." Representation-Case Procedures, 85 Fed. Reg. 70, (April 10, 2020), 18,378-18,379. The Board further acknowledged: "[R]evising the blocking-charge policy to end the practice of delaying an election represents a more appropriately balanced approach to the issue of how to treat election petitions when relevant unfair labor practice charges are pending It ensures that employees are able to express their preference for or against union representation in a timely held Board election, while maintaining effective means for addressing election interference." *Id.* at 18,379.

The Rule is clear, and unambiguous, as to the process the Region must follow in these circumstances. There is nothing in the Rule that leaves discretion to the Region to act in the manner it proposes here – to ignore the clear procedural directives and substitute its own judgment for the Rules it is mandated to follow.

2. *Rieth-Riley* Was Incorrectly Decided.

Despite the crystal-clear clarity of the Rule, the Board, in *Rieth-Riley Construction Co.*, 371 NLRB No. 109 (2022), held that a Regional Director may dismiss an election petition based on their determination of the merits of a blocking charge. This case was incorrectly decided, amounts to a denial of due process, and should be overturned by the Board. That decision is a transparent product of the new Board's disagreement with the Rule, and an improper end around the Rule's clear language (not dissimilar to the Region's issuance of the OSC).

As discussed above, the Rule is clear: for any and all blocking charges that, like here, fall under §103.20(b), the Regional Office must process the petition, conduct the election, and count the ballots. The Region then must refrain from issuing a certification of results (including, where appropriate, a certification of representative) until there is a final disposition of the charge and a determination of its effect, if any, on the election petition. §103.20(d). The Rule's language and structure clearly convey that pre-election merit-determination dismissals are no longer available after the Rule's enactment. The Board's decision in *Rieth-Riley* attempts to create a giant "loophole" in the Rule which contravenes the Board's intent and purpose in creating the Rule, and which encourages unions to circumvent the Rule by filing more blocking charges to delay decertification elections and to dismiss them through "merit-determinations," which will unduly prejudice employees' statutory rights under Sections 7 and 9 of the NLRA to decide whether they no longer want their union to represent them.

Moreover, the “gloss” that the Board added to the Rule in *Rieth-Riley* was done without following the formal rulemaking procedures required under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §553. The Board amended a Rule that itself was the product of formal rulemaking under the APA but did not comply with the APA in making this amendment, as required. If the current Board wishes to reverse the existing Rule there is an established means to do so properly under the APA not through a shortcut that effectively eviscerates it. Thus, this *ultra vires* holding in *Rieth-Riley* was invalid. While a Regional Director defers to Board precedent, it should not do so when a decision is on its face invalid under extant law.

Furthermore, *Rieth-Riley* is factually distinguishable from the instant matter on multiple grounds, including that the decertification petition was dismissed in that matter *after* an election had been held. By contrast, the Regional Director is acting in an unprecedented manner which was not anticipated in *Rieth-Riley* by holding in abeyance the processing of the decertification petition pending her ruling on the OSC.

The overriding purpose of the Rule was to foster and protect the rights of employees under Sections 7 and 9 of the NLRA to freely and fairly decide, in a secret ballot NLRB election, whether or not they want to continue being represented by their incumbent union by: eliminating, or at least substantially reducing, any delay in processing representation election petitions; ensuring these elections are conducted expeditiously; and, for category (b) cases, ensuring the ballots are promptly counted. The use of “merit-determination dismissals” completely circumvents the Rule and its intended purpose and should not be countenanced. The Board should overrule *Rieth-Riley*, eliminate “merit-determination petition dismissals” as a response to blocking charges, and comply with the four corners of the Rule in processing election petitions. Starbucks’ partners have a statutory right to vote out a union they oppose, and a Regional Director should not be able to

nullify that right on the basis of unproven allegations of employer misconduct, especially on merit-determinations not made by the Regional Director herself (as here, Region 3 apparently seeks to rely upon merit-determinations of Region 1 and 19's Regional Directors).

B. Before Dismissing the Petition, the Region Must Hold a *Saint Gobain* Hearing to Determine Whether a “Causal Nexus” Exists Between the Alleged ULPs and the Decertification Petition.

As set forth above, the Region should proceed with processing the Petition in the manner dictated by the Rules and without further delay process the Petition, hold the election, and count the ballots. Should the Region consider not to process the Petition, then it must, at a minimum, before taking any action to dismiss the Petition, conduct a *Saint Gobain* “causation” hearing to determine whether there is a causal nexus between the unproven ULP Complaint allegations and the Petition. *Saint Gobain Abrasives, Inc.*, 342 NLRB 434 (2004). *Saint Gobain* hearings are necessary whenever a factual question exists as to whether the conduct alleged in the operative unfair labor practice complaint, if proven, caused the petition to be filed. When, as here, the Regional Director can only speculate concerning the existence of a causal nexus between the allegedly unlawful conduct and employee disaffection with the union, such a hearing must take place. *Id.*

In *Saint Gobain*, a pending ULP charge alleged that the employer unilaterally implemented a new healthcare plan. The Board explained that the effect of such conduct on the employees' decision to petition for decertification could not be determined without first holding a causation hearing to understand several significant factual questions including: “how many employees incurred an increase in the cost of health care; how much was the increase; how many employees enrolled in different plans as a result of the alleged unilateral change; how many employees switched care givers as a result of the change; and how many employees expressed dissatisfaction with the Union prior to the change.” Without first answering these factual questions, no

determination as to causation could be made because the impact of the alleged wrongful conduct remained unknown. *See also* NLRB Casehandling Manual Part Two (CHM) (“R-Case Manual”) (September 2020), Section 11733.1(a)(3) (before deciding whether to dismiss a petition, “the Regional Office may be *required* to conduct a hearing . . . on the causal nexus between the allegedly unlawful conduct and the filing of the petition”) (emphasis added); *Linwood Care Center*, 365 NLRB No. 24 (2017) (*Saint Gobain* causation hearing may be required before a Regional Director dismisses a petition).

It is critical that the Region hold a *Saint Gobain* hearing before any determination is made as to whether a causal nexus exists between the ULP allegations and the Petition. *Cablevision Systems Corp.*, 367 NLRB No. 59 n.13 (2018) (“the [*Saint Gobain*] Board held that, unless ‘[t]he General Counsel established, at a hearing, that there were unfair labor practices and that there was a causal nexus between that unlawful conduct and the employee disaffection,’ a decertification petition could not be administratively dismissed based on allegations that employer conduct caused the disaffection absent a hearing at which the parties to the representation case—including the decertification petitioner—could present evidence on the issue of taint. Moreover, a Regional Director’s findings at such a hearing may be appealed to the Board.”) (quoting *Saint Gobain*, 342 NLRB at 434).

Starbucks and Workers United ULP litigation has been ongoing already for almost two years. The allegations at issue in the Complaints identified in the OSC involve different time periods of conduct, an array of alleged violations, numerous stores, nationwide issues, alleged violations unrelated to the Mt. Hope store, as well as violations that even if true could have no effect on the Petition. It would be impossible to simply read the complaint allegations at face value

and ascertain without further inquiry the impact the alleged ULP conduct had on the Mt. Hope store partners' decision to decertify the Union.³

For example, several significant factual issues must be resolved before any causal determination can be made. Those issues include a factual determination as to the impact the alleged delay in providing dates for bargaining had on the bargaining unit, and whether the partners were aware that Workers United delayed the onset of bargaining by initially proposing that bargaining be conducted on a nationwide basis instead of for the single-store unit for which they were certified as bargaining representative. Additionally, there must be further inquiry into issues such as the number of partners employed at the store during the alleged misconduct who remain there now, the number of partners employed at the store when the Union's election petition was filed as compared to now, whether the partners were aware of any wage increases or benefit changes at other stores, and the number of partners that expressed dissatisfaction with the Union before the alleged misconduct. Clearly, the procedural safeguard of a *Saint Gobain* hearing is required here as any determination as to causation without a hearing would be pure speculation and prejudicial to the rights of all involved. Failing to hold a *Saint Gobain* hearing would also absolve Workers United of any accountability to the Mt. Hope partners that comprise the single-store unit that Workers United insisted upon. Being impervious to challenge, the Union could simply ignore (or at least deprioritize) that single-store unit while it pursues its nationwide objectives.

³ Starbucks directs the Region to its statements of position and post-hearing briefing previously submitted in response to the underlying charges and complaints referenced by the Region in the OSC for Starbucks' position as to the lack of merit to each of the ULP allegations and the non-existence of any causal connection between the alleged ULPs and to the filing of the decertification petition.

Attempting to determine a causal nexus between the Petition and the alleged ULP conduct before holding a *Saint Gobain* hearing would be unjust and deny the parties their due process right to a hearing.⁴ A *Saint Gobain* hearing in this matter will facilitate the partners' right under Sections 7 and 9 of the NLRA to an expeditious secret-ballot election and protect this fundamental right from the unreasonable delay in processing of the Petition caused by charges that could have no effect on the partners' decision to attempt to decertify the Union. As stated by the dissent in *Rieth-Riley*, 371 NLRB No. 109, slip op. at 11:

A *Saint Gobain* hearing ensures that the causal nexus issue is determined based on evidence presented at a hearing, after the parties have been afforded an opportunity to be heard on the issue. Absent such a hearing, there is little practical difference between a merit-determination dismissal and the practice, under the former blocking charge policy, of placing election petitions in abeyance while unfair labor practice charges are investigated. In both situations, the petition is placed on hold on the basis of unilateral administrative determinations by a regional director subject to limited review by the Board. Permitting regional directors to dismiss election petitions based on unproven allegations without a *Saint Gobain* hearing is therefore counter to the intent and spirit of the Election Protection Rule.

This protection is undoubtedly needed here. Due to the decades-long history of organized labor's abuse of the Board's blocking charge policy and to preserve the Mt. Hope store partners' Section 7 and 9 rights to promptly vote on whether they want Workers United to continue as their exclusive collective bargaining representative and instead be free to engage directly with Starbucks regarding their interests in a way that reflects their "agenda [and] point of view," a causation

⁴ Relying on pending *allegations* – some of which have not yet even been heard before an Administrative Law Judge—to block an election denies Starbucks of its due process right to a hearing. Both due process and Board rules demand that Starbucks be afforded the right to defend against a ULP charge at a hearing. Specifically, Rule 102.38 guarantees the right of any party charged with a ULP to a "hearing in person" with the aid of counsel, "to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record documentary or other evidence[.]"

hearing is necessary. To fail to, at a minimum, hold such a hearing to determine potential causation is a deprivation of Section 7 rights.⁵

C. The Election Should Proceed Because There Is No Causal Nexus Between the ULP Complaint Allegations and the Mt. Hope store Partners' Disaffection with the Union.

If the Region were to hold a *Saint Gobain* hearing, the evidence would show there is no causal nexus between the conduct alleged in the consolidated ULP Complaints and the Mt. Hope store partners' decision to petition for a decertification election. Therefore, the Region should resume processing the Petition, including holding the election and the ballot count.

"[I]n cases involving unfair labor practices other than a general refusal to recognize and bargain, there must be specific proof of a causal relationship between the unfair labor practice and the ensuing events indicating a loss of support." *Lee Lumber & Bldg. Material Corp.*, 322 NLRB 175, 177 (1996) *aff'd in part*, 117 F.3d 1454 (D.C. Cir.1997). In *Master Slack Corp.*, 271 NLRB 78 (1984),⁶ the Board established a four-factor test to determine whether a pending ULP charge "must have caused the employee disaffection [with the Union] here or at least had a 'meaningful impact' in bringing about that disaffection." 271 NLRB at 84. Those factors include: (1) the length of time between the unfair labor practices and the withdrawal of recognition; (2) the nature of the illegal acts, including the possibility of their detrimental or lasting effect on employees; (3) any possible tendency to cause employee disaffection from the union; and (4) the effect of the unlawful conduct on employee morale, organizational activities, and membership in the union. *Id.* (holding that no causal nexus existed when nearly 10 years separated the ULPs and later petition). The

⁵ See *Saint Gobain*, 342 NLRB 434 (2004) ("[I]t is not appropriate to speculate, without facts established in a hearing, that there was a causal relationship between the [alleged ULP] conduct and the disaffection. To so speculate is to deny employees their fundamental Section 7 rights. Surely, a hearing and findings are prerequisites to such a denial.").

⁶ It is Starbucks' position that *Master Slack* applies only under the old blocking charge policy that was superseded by the Rule and, therefore, is inapplicable to the instant case. Without waiving its position, Starbucks addresses the *Master Slack* factors, as directed in the OSC.

length of time between the alleged ULP conduct and the petition often is the most valued consideration. 271 NLRB at 84. Further, the second and third factors are often considered together. The above considerations, as applied here, only lead to the conclusion that no causal nexus exists between the ULP allegations and the Petition.

1. The Allegations that Wage Increases & Benefit Improvements Were Announced and Implemented Only for Nonunion Stores and Not for Certified Union Stores Have No Causal Nexus to the Decertification Petition.

The allegations in the Consolidated Complaint in Cases 19-CA-294579 et al., that Starbucks promised and implemented wage increases and benefit improvements to partners in its nonunion stores while withholding such wage increases and benefit improvements at its certified union stores, including the Mt. Hope store, share no causal nexus with the partners' decision to petition for decertification. Under the first *Master Slack* factor, the announcement of wage increases and benefit improvements occurred one year before the Petition was filed and implementation of such changes at nonunion stores occurred about 9 months before the Petition was filed. This significant passage of time destroys any causal connection between the alleged misconduct and the Petition. *Garden Ridge Mgmt., Inc.*, 347 NLRB 131, 134 (2006) (5-month delay weighed against finding that unfair labor practices caused employee sentiment against union); *Lexus of Concord, Inc.*, 343 NLRB 851, 852 (2004) (no temporal proximity when lapse was 3 months); *accord Champion Home Builders*, 350 NLRB 788, 791-792 (2007) (employer's refusal to bargain and threats to employees about 7 months prior to employee petition were too remote in time to have a causal connection to loss of support among the employees); *Quazite Corp.*, 323 NLRB 511, 512 (1997) (prestrike unfair labor practices committed 6 months before filing of decertification petition too remote in time to taint that petition).

Like the first *Master Slack* factor, the second and third factors do not support a finding of any causal nexus. Here, the alleged misconduct did not have a lasting impact that would lead to any partners having disaffection with the union. The Consolidated Complaint for Cases 19-CA-294579 et al. alleges that Starbucks' then-CEO made implied promises of benefits to non-unionized stores and later implemented those changes. Unilateral changes to benefits do not inherently result in a disaffection with the union. *Machinists Dist. Lodge No. 190, Loc. Lodge 1584, Int'l Ass'n of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO v. N.L.R.B.*, 185 F. App'x 581, 584 (9th Cir. 2006) (affirming the Board's holding in *LTD Ceramics, Inc.*, 341 NLRB 86 (2004) that the unilateral posting of a new attendance policy was not a unilateral change that resulted in disaffection with the union). Further, any change in benefits given to partners at the unorganized stores was done in a manner that made clear that Starbucks remained open to bargaining for similar benefits with the organized stores. Compare to *Overnite Transportation Co.*, 333 NLRB 1392, 1394 (2001) (holding unprecedented wage increases to be coercive when employees were told such a decision was the union's fault). Additionally, here, the changes were unrelated to union activity and not done in a manner that mentioned or connected the change in benefits to any intention to discourage protected activity. As a result, it cannot be said that any conduct by Starbucks was coercive or a hallmark violation of the Act.

As to the fourth factor, there is no basis for concluding these changes had an effect on the partners' disaffection with the Union as the store remained organized without issue for almost a year later. Only a hearing could determine otherwise.

2. Allegations that Starbucks Refused to Meet and Bargain with the Union for the Mt. Hope store Have No Causal Nexus to the Decertification Petition.

The allegation that Starbucks failed and refused to meet and bargain with the Union regarding its first contract shares no causal nexus with the partners' Petition. As stated in the Consolidated Complaint in Cases 01-CA-305952 et al., Workers United did not demand to bargain at the Mt. Hope store until August 5, 2022 - 3½ months after certification. Thereafter, on October 10th, Starbucks communicated with the Union to discuss the logistics of the initial bargaining session. On October 31st, the parties agreed to hold the initial bargaining session on November 3. Notably, the Union did not seek an earlier date and readily agreed to bargain on November 3. As agreed, the parties met for their initial bargaining session on November 3, 2022. Given this timeline, it was clear then to the Unit that Starbucks readily engaged and bargained with the Union once the Union sought to bargain. Thus, Starbucks did not delay bargaining as alleged and its actions could not have impacted the Unit's decision to petition for decertification. In fact, it has been clear for the entirety of Mt. Hope's certification year that Starbucks is willing and ready to bargain with Workers United on the single-store unit basis that Workers United insisted upon. Indeed, it is more than likely the Union's delay in demanding the initial bargaining session, and subsequent dilatory conduct, caused the Unit's decision to petition for decertification.

Relatedly, on a broader basis outside of the Mt. Hope store, any delay in scheduling bargaining dates is *in fact* attributable to the Union. The Union proposed bargaining on a multistore nationwide basis for all the bargaining units it represented, despite the fact that all its certifications were for single-store units. Due to the Union's refusal to bargain in a manner as required by each store's certification, delay naturally occurred. At a hearing, Starbucks will present evidence demonstrating that the delay in bargaining is attributable to the union, not Starbucks.

A second bargaining session has not occurred due to Starbucks litigating its right to in-person bargaining sessions as opposed to hybrid sessions. But it cannot be said that this conduct would have resulted in disaffection with the Union as Starbucks has made clear it will negotiate with its organized stores. As for the Union's insistence that the bargaining be conducted on a hybrid basis, with some members of the Union's bargaining committee participating virtually and some in-person, the Board's longstanding precedent has been that parties must bargain in-person, instead of by telephone, video conference call or other remote means. Starbucks' position that it is not legally required to bargain with remote, virtual negotiators is well-founded on a long line of Board cases and is not the type of issue which reasonably would cause partner disaffection with the Union. Overall, the alleged conduct did not affect the partners' decision to petition for decertification as Starbucks met with the partners at the Mt. Hope store soon after they demanded to bargain and has maintained that it seeks to negotiate a contract with the Unit, should they wish to do so.

In sum, a determination of causation requires assessing several factors. Here, unlike *Rieth-Riley*, the allegations at issue are neither severe nor the "hallmark" variety that would have a lasting effect. "Hallmark" violations have included allegations of "an unprecedented wage increase," or threats that employees "would lose their jobs" or that the facility "would close" if the unit organized. *Overnite Transp. Co.*, 333 NLRB 1392, 1394 (2001) (employer threatened to close the stores if the employees engaged in protected activity); *see also Goya Foods of Florida*, 347 NLRB 1118, 1122 (2006) (finding hallmark violations are those "issues that lead employees to seek union representation"). No such outlandish conduct is alleged nor exists. For example, as opposed to the egregious actions in *Rieth-Riley*, where the employer illegally locked out its employees, reduced their wages and work hours, and bargained in bad-faith, here the alleged misconduct is not so

detrimental to have any real effect on the partners' disaffection with the Union. See *Lexus of Concord*, 343 NLRB at 852 ("Although the Respondent placed Burman in the installer position 3 months before withdrawing recognition, there was no showing that Burman's transfer had a detrimental or lasting effect on employees."). Instead, the circumstances only reflect that Starbucks has at all times acted in a manner consistent with the NLRA as well sought to hear its partners' express their concerns and needs.

There is simply no evidence whatsoever establishing that the alleged ULPs are in any way causally connected to the Petition. The Regional Director must conclude that no causal relationship exists between the ULP Complaint allegations and the Petition, and that dismissal of the Petition is completely unwarranted. At minimum, a hearing must be held to take evidence from all parties on the issue of causation. *Cablevision Systems Corp.*, 367 NLRB No. 59, n.13 (2018) (noting "longstanding precedent provides that a Regional Director may only dismiss a petition as tainted on the basis of his or her administrative investigation of the petition's showing of interest where that investigation has revealed direct employer involvement with the petition.").

D. The Election Should Proceed Because the Cited Allegations for the Mt. Hope Store Are Meritless, Do Not Warrant an Affirmative Bargaining Order, and Do Not Preclude the Petition from Being Processed Through an NLRB-Conducted Election and Ballot Count.

The refusal-to-bargain ULP charge against Starbucks at the Mt. Hope store has no effect on the processing of the Petition. The Union contends that Starbucks, purportedly, failed and refused to meet with Workers United to negotiate its first contract. To delay or cease processing the Petition based on this allegation contradicts the purpose of the Rule as it would allow meritless and unlitigated conduct to delay an election, the very harm the Rule was designed to prevent.

Only when an 8(a)(5) charge alleges an employer's blanket refusal to bargain, or when the alleged illegal conduct is intertwined with the solicitation of signatures on a decertification

petition, dismissal of the petition may be warranted. *Big Three Industries, Inc.*, 201 NLRB 197 (1973); *Brannan Sand & Gravel*, 308 NLRB 922 (1992).⁷ Such conduct often includes failing to recognize the union, improperly withdrawing recognition of the union as the employees' bargaining representative, or flatly refusing to discuss a mandatory subject of bargaining. But when the allegations include lesser 8(a)(5) violations or are of a special nature or circumstance, such a drastic and irreparable remedy of dismissal of the petition is improper. *Big Three Industries, Inc.*, 201 NLRB 197 (1973); *LTD Ceramics, Inc.*, 341 NLRB 86, 89 (2004).⁸

For example, in *Big Three Industries*, a petition for decertification was dismissed when it was alleged that the employer engaged in surface bargaining, specifically “[negotiating] with the Union in bad faith and with no intention of entering into any final or binding collective bargaining agreement.” 201 NLRB 197. This conduct was found to have contravened the NLRA and justified the remedial affirmative bargaining order imposed.

Yet not all refusal to bargain allegations warrant such a drastic remedy. In *LTD Ceramics, Inc.*, 341 NLRB at 89, the Board explained that lesser 8(a)(5) violations do not “give rise to a presumption of a causal nexus between the violation and a loss of majority status.” There, after the employer implemented a unilateral change to its attendance policy, the incumbent union alleged that the employer had therefore refused to bargain as to that issue. *Id.* The Board disagreed, labeling the allegation, even if true, as a “lesser” 8(a)(5) violation, and explaining that such conduct

⁷ It is worth noting that *Brannan Sand & Gravel* involved an employer-filed RM petition, not an RD petition. Additionally, the employer refused to recognize and bargain with the union, unilaterally changed the unit employees' health insurance plan, and engaged in direct dealing with the employees concerning their working conditions. Neither the connection between the employer's unlawful conduct nor the egregiousness of these facts are present in the instant matter.

⁸ It is Starbucks' position that *Big Three Industries* applies only under the old blocking charge policy that was superseded by the Rule and, therefore, is inapplicable to the instant case. Without waiving its position, Starbucks addresses the application of *Big Three Industries*, as directed in the OSC.

could not have eroded the support for the union. *Id.* Likewise in *Tenneco Auto., Inc. v. N.L.R.B.*, 716 F.3d 640, 648 (D.C. Cir. 2013), the Court found allegations that the employer had violated 8(a)(5) by failing and refusing to furnish the union with requested information, such as the replacement employees addresses and unilaterally changing a rule requiring supervisory approval prior to the posting of signs, letters, or printed materials, had no real effect on the employees' disaffection for the union. The Board explained, "these violations were hardly 'hallmark violations that were highly coercive and likely to remain in the memories of employees for a long time.'" *Id.* at 649-50 (citing *Goya Foods of Florida.*, 347 NLRB 1118, 1121 (2006)). So, despite the refusal to bargain allegation, dismissal of the petition was unwarranted.

The single pending refusal to bargain ULP here is very different from the alleged unlawful conduct described in *Big Three Industries* and its progeny. See *In Re Priority One Servs., Inc.*, 331 NLRB 1527,1529 (2000) (dissenting opinion explaining that the employer's unilateral changes of a 9.5-percent increase in employee health insurance premiums and a change in the method of refunding excess employee health and welfare benefits were not the equivalent of a general refusal to bargain, and so, application of *Big Three Industries* was unwarranted). There is no claim that Starbucks refused to recognize Workers United as the bargaining representative for the Mt. Hope store, engaged in surface bargaining, or engaged in any other conduct that would be considered a general refusal to bargain. Instead, the Union asserts, without factual support, that Starbucks has refused to bargain with the Mt. Hope store it for its first contract. This is simply false. As detailed above, once the Union demanded to bargain on August 5th, Starbucks engaged with the Union as to logistics, and they held an initial bargaining session on November 3rd. And the initial bargaining session would have occurred even sooner had the Union asked to do so, but the Union opted to focus its efforts on pursuing an inappropriate nationwide bargaining unit instead of the single-store

unit for which it was certified. Neither Workers United nor the Region can point to a single Board case requiring Starbucks to accept the Union's pre-conditions regarding nationwide or hybrid bargaining. Regardless, Starbucks' actions, especially by promptly holding an initial bargaining session, demonstrate that at all times it has sought to negotiate a contract with Workers United for the Mt. Hope store.

Further, any allegation that Starbucks refused to meet and negotiate the Mt. Hope store's first contract would have no effect on the partners' view of the Union. Objectively, most partners are aware of the Union's ongoing organizing directed at Starbucks stores. Partners are aware that bargaining is taking place across the country at different locations and, due to the large number of stores for whom a contract will need to be negotiated, there is an anticipated delay in the parties' scheduling of bargaining sessions, as dates and times for bargaining are hard to arrange and coordinate among the numerous Starbucks and Union bargaining representatives and the partners who make up the Union's bargaining team. This was particularly so given the Union's multi-month delay in requesting bargaining and stated objective to negotiate on behalf of a nationwide bargaining unit after filing election petitions and being certified for single store units. Starbucks has taken no actions that could objectively indicate that it is refusing to bargain with the Union at the Mt. Hope store, when in fact the company has tirelessly attempted to work with each store in as efficient manner as possible.

Similarly, the ULP allegation here has no bearing on the reasons why the partners at the Mt. Hope store are seeking decertification and so this charge is not intertwined with the petition. *Brannan Sand & Gravel*, 308 NLRB 922 (1992). The Mt. Hope partners simply decided, after the one-year certification bar expired, to petition to decertify the Union. There is simply no basis to conclude that the allegations of lesser 8(a)(5) violations had any effect or are related to the Petition.

As stated in *Big Three Industries*, 201 NLRB at 198, “there may be unusual and special situations which may impel the holding of elections in the face of unremedied refusal-to-bargain charges” Here, not only are the bargaining allegations unlikely to have had a lasting effect on the partners’ view of the Union, but the current matter undoubtedly fits the special circumstances class of 8(a)(5) charges. Well over 200 stores have been organized in a relative short period of time. As a matter of logistics and given that the parties are attempting to negotiate first contracts for a multitude of stores throughout the country, it simply is not possible for Starbucks and the Union to immediately proceed to bargaining on all 200+ stores at once. Starbucks and Workers United have corresponded for months about bargaining dates, method of bargaining, and unit scope. It is clear from the bargaining history that Starbucks has been proactive in coordinating and scheduling first contract bargaining, demonstrating its intent to proceed in good faith with these negotiations. While Starbucks has rightfully litigated its right to single-store, in person bargaining, it has at all times showed its partners it seeks to bargain. This is evidenced by the fact that since October 24th, 2022, the parties have engaged in single-store bargaining for at least 90 stores, including the Mt. Hope store.

It would be an absurdity to find objectively that, on the face of these allegations, Starbucks has in any way unlawfully refused to bargain a first contract for the Mt. Hope store or that an affirmative bargaining order should be imposed. The unproven and unrelated allegation should not prevent Mt. Hope store partners from being able to vote in an NLRB-conducted secret ballot election to freely choose whether they want Workers United to continue as their exclusive collective bargaining representative.

As in Case 03-RD-316974, it is anticipated the Regional Director will opt to sidestep Starbucks’ argument that a causal nexus must exist between the filing of the decertification petition

and the ULP allegations contained in the complaints referenced in the OSC. Rather, it is anticipated the Regional Director will dismiss the instant Petition on the basis that -

As the Board requires, under this analysis, “we must presume the allegations true,” I am similarly compelled to conclude that the General Counsel’s seeking of an extension of the certification year will be granted such that it would preclude a question concerning representation at the time this petition was filed.

Yet the Regional Director’s decision fails to assess extant Board and Court precedent as cited above. Moreover, this situation is different than in Case 03-RD-316974 on multiple fronts. First, the Regional Director does not seek in the OSC to rely upon a merit-determination or complaint issued by Region 3 regarding the Mt. Hope store. Therefore, absent a merit-determination from Region 3, the Petition may not be dismissed. *See* Section 11733.1(a)(2) of the Board’s Casehandling Manual (“If the Regional Director finds merit to charges involving violations of Section 8(a)(1), (2), (3), (5) or 8(b)(3), and the nature of the alleged violations, if proven, would condition or preclude the existence of a question concerning representation, the petition should be dismissed with a dismissal letter setting forth the specific connections between the alleged unfair labor practice allegations and the petition, subject to a request for reinstatement by the petitioner after final disposition of the charge.”).

Second, had the Regional Director previously made a merit-determination on which she may seek to rely in this context, the Regional Director errs in asserting she must dismiss the petition. This flawed logic is based on the Regional Director’s citation to footnote 27 in *Rieth-Riley* that “we must presume the allegation true.” While it is accurate that ULP allegations may not be litigated in representation cases which may lead the Regional Director to presume merit, that presumption may apply to the merits of the ULP allegations but not the remedies being sought. Here, there is an abundance of evidence that a *Mar-Jac* remedy is not warranted and the Regional Director may not simply presume it is.

A *Mar-Jac Poultry Co., Inc.*, 136 NLRB 785 (1962) remedy is available when a merit-determination is found that an employer has engaged in such egregious conduct that intervened and disrupted the bargaining process is such a remedy imposed. *Spurlino Materials, LLC*, 353 NLRB 1198, 1201 (2009) (“The Board has often granted *Mar-Jac* extensions in cases involving a complete refusal to bargain, overall bad-faith bargaining, or a breakdown in negotiations caused by unfair labor practices.”); *Accurate Auditors*, 295 NLRB 1163 (1989) (“The law is settled that when an employer's unfair labor practices *intervene and prevents* the employees' certified bargaining agent from enjoying a free period of a year after certification to establish a bargaining relationship, it is entitled to resume its free period after the termination of the litigation involving the employer's unfair labor practices”). In this case, there is no allegation that Starbucks engaged in a complete refusal to bargain or overall bad-faith bargaining. The circumstances here clearly do not warrant such a remedy. As discussed above, in this matter, only a single, lesser 8(a)(5) violation has been *alleged* against Starbucks. No merit-determination has been made and even if such a determination were to be made, the alleged conduct does not warrant the harsh remedy of extending the certification year.

With these considerations in mind, undoubtedly, an extension of the certification year is inappropriate. As mentioned above, Starbucks has at all times made clear to the partners at the Mt. Hope store it intends to bargain with the Union. This is evidenced by Starbucks’ prompt response to the Mt. Hope store’s August 5 demand to bargain. Initial bargaining occurred shortly thereafter on November 3rd, 2022. While a second bargaining session has not occurred, Starbucks remains ready to bargain and will continue to do so. This is evident by Starbucks’ continual effort to set additional bargaining dates. In contrast, Workers United has taken no such action, likely because

it lost the Unit's support long ago and therefore, no member of the Unit wishes to bargain, but instead only seeks to decertify the store.

Finally, as explained in *Mar-Jac*, such a remedy should not “unduly saddl[e] the employees with a bargaining representative that they may no longer wish to have represent them.” The Mt. Hope store partners’ petition for decertification makes clear that a significant percentage of them no longer wish to be represented by Workers United and they intend to determine, through the sanctity of an NLRB-conducted in-person ballot, whether that sentiment is shared by the majority of the Unit. Any delay in processing this petition, especially extending the certification year when none of the requirements as discussed in *Mar-Jac* have been met, would undeniably force the partners to maintain representation that they likely did not want from the onset (with 32% of the store’s partners having their ballots counted in favor of representation) and clearly no longer wish to have.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that the Regional Director expeditiously resume processing of the Petition, including conducting the decertification election and ballot count, so that the partners employed in the bargaining unit at the Mt. Hope store can vote, without further undue delay, on whether they want Workers United to continue as their collective bargaining representative.

Alternatively, before the partners’ Section 7 and Section 9 rights to an election are taken away, and as a matter of fundamental due process, the Region, at the very least, should conduct a *Saint Gobain* causation hearing to obtain relevant evidence to make an informed and fact-based determination whether the alleged ULPs have a causal nexus to the Mt. Hope store partners’ disaffection with the Union and their decision to file the Petition with the Board. Failure to process

this Petition on the basis of the mere pendency of unlitigated ULPs will send the wrong message to the Mt. Hope store partners, all Starbucks partners, and employees across the country that the Board administers the NLRA to push employees into union representation while closing off any escape route should they change their minds. Moreover, Region 3's failure to continue processing of this Petition would be in dereliction of the Region's duties under the Act and result in additional appeals and further delay honoring the Mt. Hope store partners' exercise of their rights under the Act.

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